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Israel budget needs 60-billion shekel cut

JERUSALEM [JTA] — As the Bank of Israel issued a stern warning over the mounting economic crisis, the government's ministerial economic committee last week asked all ministries to submit proposed cuts in their budgets to achieve a 9% overall slashing of government expenditures.

The 9% figure will probably exceed slightly the 60-billion shekel cut in government spending recommended by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad. That is regarded as the absolute minimum necessary to meet the current economic situation.

Various other belt-tightening measures have been suggested by government officials, but so far no agreements have been reached about them.

The Treasury proposed to reduce the deficit some 15 billion shekels by taxing allowances for the elderly and abolishing child care allowances for the first and second child in large families.

The same measures, suggested last year by former Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, were rejected by the cabinet in October.

The Knesset house committee meanwhile decided last week to cut the salaries of Knesset members by 10% and to ask MKs to take an additional 10% cut voluntarily. The money saved would be turned over to the Treasury. The MKs got a 57% raise in salary last October.

But Yossi Sarid, on the Labor Alignment, opposed the idea. He contended that the money raised would not find its way to the general budget, but would be used for some cause dear to the Likud regime, such as building new settlements in the occupied territories.

According to an opinion poll published in the Jerusalem Post, 72% of the public put settlement buildings on the West Bank at the top of the list of proposed budget cuts within the framework of a national austerity program. According to the poll, this view was shared by both Labor and Likud voters.

Other expendable items proposed in the poll were development projects such as the Lavie jet fighter-bomber and the Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal (52%); higher education (29%); and the absorption of new immigrants (25%).

The Bank of Israel warned that foreign currency reserves stood at a dangerous low of $2.8 billion and that inflation was continuing to soar.

Meanwhile, the Treasurey reported that it printed 28 billion shekels in new money last month.

Peres predicts defections from parties

Labor pulls ahead of Likud

JERUSALEM [JTA] — The Likud-led coalition, grappling with a grave economic crisis, last week was trying to ward off attempts by the opposition Labor Alignment to reduce its narrow Knesset majority.

Shimon Peres, chairman of the Labor Party, announced that prospects were good for a change of government this year — possibly through early elections, but more likely by the defection of one or more of Likud's partners to join Labor in an alternative coalition.

His prediction was bolstered by a public opinion poll last week, which indicated that the Labor Alignment would win a 16-seat majority over the incumbent Likud alliance if elections were held now.

The poll, taken by the Modi In Ezrachi Research Institute, was published in the Jerusalem Post and Maariv dailies.

The poll gave Labor 57 votes in the 120-member Knesset (up from their 47 seats in the last elections), while the Likud would drop to 41 seats from their 48-seat win.

The Labor Alignment last week was focusing on the Tami party, whose leader, former Welfare Minister Aharon Abu-Hatzeira, just completed a 3-month prison term for embezzlement and has returned to the Knesset.

Tami represents a low-income, largely Sephardic constituency and is fiercely opposed to proposed budget cuts that would affect welfare programs.

Should its 3-man Knesset faction abandon Likud, the governing coalition would be reduced to parliamentary majority of one — the one man being former Premier Menachem Begin who has been confined to his home and has not attended a Knesset session since he announced his intention to resign last summer.

The alignment is also seeking to encourage defections by other coalition partners at odds with government policies — mainly those affecting the economy. They include the Aguda Israel and dovish members of Likud's Liberal Party wins.

Deputy Premier David Levy is making strenuous efforts to ensure coalition solidarity in face of the economic situation and the painful measures that must be taken to improve it.

He is also trying to work out an "economic package deal" with Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association as a way out of the crisis.

Histadrut demands full employment, price stabilization and the preservation of real wages. The Manufacturers Association, for its part, says a package that includes a price freeze is not feasible at the present rate of inflation.

Labor MK Gad Yaacobi, who is chairman of the Knesset economic committee, said on a television interview that an agreement between Histadrut and the government was possible on wages, but it was hardly realistic to expect a package deal.

He suggested that the national standard of living be frozen for three years; the national budget cut by $1 billion by reducing expenditures in Lebanon and in the occupied territories; and that the rule barring El Al flights on the Sabbath — a Likud concession to the Aguda Israel — be rescinded, so that the national air carrier can increase its revenues.

Yaacobi agreed with Peres that the Labor Alignment will return to power this year, either by parliamentary changes or early elections.

In the latter case, he suggested that former President Yitzhak Navon head the Labor Alignment ticket.

Israel won't leave first

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

War and diplomacy coexisted uneasily in Lebanon last week.

While Israel bombed Palestinian and Lebanese Shiite bases, in response to the growing number of hit-and-run attacks against its troops, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir made it clear that he wouldn't withdraw from Lebanon before Syria.

As the Lebanese government attempted to work out a new security plan that would separate hostile forces and lead to a permanent ceasefire which could presage an Israeli pullback, the hills around Beirut rumbled to the sound of artillery and small arms.

Amidst these developments, Syria released an American flier whose plane was shot down over central Lebanon on Dec. 4, and President Ronald Reagan, softening his hostility toward the Syrians, said he would be willing to meet President Hafez Assad to bring peace and stability to Lebanon.

The Israeli air force launched its eighth and ninth strike since last November, hitting targets along the Beirut-Damascus highway and near the town of Baalbek.

Since Nov. 4, when a truck bomb killed 29 Israelis at a command post in Tyre, Israel has used its air power to exact retribution against radical Palestinians and Islamic fundamentalist Shiite Lebanese in territory controlled by Syria.

The first raid, directed against PLO extremists based in Bhamdoun, caused relatively little damage and few casualties. But the second one, three days later, in the vicinity of the Roman ruins of Baalbek, allegedly took the lives of anywhere from 40 to 100 persons and apparently wounded up to 400.

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Israeli workers step up demands for higher pay

JERUSALEM [JTA] — As the week began, about 6,000 Israel government workers were on strike, threatening to strike or engaged in various "job actions" that disrupted normal work.

All are demanding higher pay or the reinstitution of overtime pay or travel allowances which were suspended as the government struggled to reduce expenditures in the face of the ongoing economic crisis.

Labor peace returned last Friday to the foreign ministry where employees ended an escalating series of sanctions [CJN Jan. 5] after receiving a written promise from Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Natan that their "special status" would be recognized now, with commensurate remuneration to follow in due course.

The foreign ministry employees wanted recognition of the fact that they work long and irregular hours, are in constant danger in service abroad and require special skills and knowledge of languages as part of their duties.

But most of the rest of the bureaucracy is in turmoil. Defence ministry workers are not paying suppliers' bills, not opening new bids and not clearing defence materials arriving at ports. The action has spread to New York where the ministry maintains a procurement mission.

At the welfare ministry, some 5,000 employees are refusing to transfer payment to recipient institutions, are not answering correspondence and are threatening a full scale strike.

The interior ministry has stopped issuing passports and identity cards and has closed its doors to the public.

The 3,500 clerks at the income tax bureau have refused to audit tax returns and have limited the number of taxpayers

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PROUD CANADIANS

Roy Salomon of Montreal [behind flag], national chairman of the Maccabi Canada athletic co-ordinating committee, leads the Canadian team at opening ceremonies for recent Maccabi Pan Am Games in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The 12-member team brought home 36 medals, including 13 gold. See story on page 35.

Leader of Moroccan Jews was called miracle worker

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Rabbi Yisrael Abu-Hatzeira, spiritual leader of Moroccan Jews around the world and revered in all Orthodox circles, died Sunday at the age of 94. He was buried in Netivot in the northern Negev, his home town. Many thousands attended the funeral.

Called "the Baba Salli," he was a scion of the famous Moroccan rabbinical family of Abu-Hatzeira, a grandson of Rabbi Yaacov Abu-Hatzeira whose grave in Egypt is still a holy site revered by Jews and Moslems alike.

Rabbi Yisrael Abu-Hatzeira was widely held to be a mystic figure and a "miracle worker." Orthodox Jews in Israel and abroad, Sephardim and Ashkenazim alike, would consult him on medical problems and personal matters. Often waiting outside his modest home in Netivot, people would hang on his every word, believing him to be a true tzadik (holy man).

His son, Rabbi Meir Abu-Hatzeira, also renowned and revered in Orthodox circles, died last week. Among his nephews is Aharon Abu-Hatzeira, the Tami leader and former minister of religion.

World-National

We must heed Orwell warning

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Now that the year 1984 has begun I might as well pay obeisance to George Orwell, who has made us all anticipate this year with more than a pinch of anxiety.

Who was this man at any rate?

At birth his name was Eric Arthur Blair, born in India under British colonial rule. Were he alive today he would be celebrating his 80th birthday. As it was, he died a young man, in 1949, a few months after he had published his novel, the name of which was arrived at because it was written in 1948 and Blair (now writing under the pseudonym of Orwell) had inverted the last two numbers to give his fable a believable forward look.

Rabbi Plaut

He foresees a world ruled by three superpowers who control most of the globe and who are in constant dispute over the one-fifth which they do not control. The majority of the people are poor, while 15% are members of the Party and subject to an invisible government called Big Brother.

Big Brother watches

The citizens are under constant supervision by telescreens which stare at them in public places as well as in the privacy of their homes. Big Brother watches and does so at all times. Nothing is hidden from the government.

The people are manipulated and so is the truth. In Big Brother's realm, truth has multiple faces: it may consist, and usually does, of contradictory beliefs held at the same time. This is called double-think. War becomes peace, peace becomes war, truth is identical with falsehood and vice-versa. Citizens who dissent are re-educated.

The fable centres on a Londoner, Winston Smith, who has the audacity to develop views divergent from those of Big Brother. Consequently he is imprisoned, tortured and eventually re-educated and rehabilitated. The pessimistic ending of this tale is that Smith "had won the victory over himself. He loved Big Brother."

Orwell's political view was a result of his disenchantment with Soviet Russia, which he encapsuled in his best book, Animal Farm. He was a morose and withdrawn man and frequently expressed opinions — as for instance, on socialism and Jews — which were later open to correction.

Isolates human beings

They do not take away from his stature as a keen analyst of totalitarianism who challenged us to maintain our liberties and warned us against the control that a developing electronic technology might foist upon us.

That warning is as relevant to us now as it was when he wrote 1984. and it moved Chilean journalist Emilio Filippi to write: "The telecommunications and computer revolutions on the one hand bring people closer together and on the other isolate them. They bring them closer because simultaneously the world over we are aware of what is happening elsewhere. But at the same time the manipulation of these mechanisms — the 'mission control,' if you will — that manages all of this isolates human beings. It converts them into objects of communication, not subjects of communication. This is a dramatic dehumanization. One must hope that this is a stage in the communications revolution, and not the end."

Michael O'Neil, editor-in-chief of a Hong Kong newsmagazine, takes this hope one step further: "I expect that 40 years from now, Orwellianism will excite the same worthy passions that it invites today. When these passions begin to diminish and die, we shall have exceeded in our waking reality Orwell's wildest dreams."

Syria's terrorist attacks on Jordan may seriously hurt peace process

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Syria has launched a campaign of terror against Jordan which may have deep repercussions on any future peace process.

Since mid-October of 1983, Amman, the normally quiet Jordanian capital, has been shaken by a series of terrorist bomb and grenade attacks. During the same period, Jordanian diplomats serving abroad and embassy employees have been the targets of assassins.

King Hussein, the 48-year-old survivor of several assassination attempts and failed coups, claims he has "irrefutable evidence" that Abu Nidal — a pro-Syrian extremist Palestinian whom PLO chairman Yasser Arafat expelled from that umbrella organization — is responsible for the assaults.

Abu Nidal, who is based in Damascus after having been expelled from Baghdad, is said to have planned an estimated six bomb and grenade attacks in Amman since Oct. 13.

He is also reported to have carried out strikes against Jordanian embassies in Athens, New Delhi and Rome which caused the death of a security guard and the wounding of two ambassadors.

Last month, in Madrid, a lone gunman ambushed a car driven by a Jordanian embassy employee, killing the occupant.

Although Jordan has adopted a low-key attitude toward the terrorist campaign, King Hussein has tightened security in key government buildings in Amman and overseas in his embassies.

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Syria is using Abu Nidal, an arch extremist, to cool King Hussein's apparent ardor for President Ronald Reagan's 1982 peace plan and his stated willingness to resume negotiations with Arafat on its applicability to a peace agreement.

King Hussein with President Ronald Reagan.

The President's proposals, which were turned down by Israel, Syria and the PLO, call for an association between Jordan and the Palestinians of the occupied areas and a moratorium on the building of new Israeli settlements on the West Bank.

Israel rejects the proposals because they conflict with its desire to retain the West Bank and construct settlements there. The PLO is against them because they rule out an independent Palestinian state. Syria, together with most Arab countries, has denounced the Reagan plan because it does not go far enough to accommodate Arab demands and fails to mention the Golan Heights, taken by Israel in the Six Day War.

Last April, King Hussein and Arafat broke off their talks on the Reagan plan after having discussed it for six months. The American scheme for solving the Arab-Israeli dispute seemed dead and buried until Arafat was driven out of Lebanon by Palestinian rebels and suddenly appeared in Egypt.

A master maneuverer, Arafat left the impression in Cairo that he might be receptive to Reagan's ideas. Buoyed by his meeting with President Hosni Mubarak, who has advocated simultaneous and mutual Israel-PLO recognition, Egypt and the U.S. reiterated support for the Reagan plan.

In fact, King Hussein has in his possession a personal letter from Reagan that the U.S. will press Israel to halt new settlement activity if he and legitimate Palestinian representatives launch serious talks.

Armed with this assurance, King Hussein has expressed a willingness to meet Arafat. As he put it recently: "Yasser Arafat is the legitimate leader of the Palestinian people, and . . . he is welcome to come to Amman."

Taking up this theme, the monarch said on Jordanian television last week that it was imperative for Jordan and the Palestinians to work together to recover the West Bank — now dotted with numerous Israeli settlements and crisscrossed by roads.

Rightly or wrongly, Hussein thinks that time for a settlement is fast running out and that the Palestinians should seize the opportunity to deal with Israel on the basis of the Reagan plan.

However, he faces serious problems . . . problems which will probably defeat his efforts to get the Reagan plan rolling.

A realist if nothing else, Hussein says he will not try to implement the Reagan plan unless he receives a green light from Arafat, the backing of a majority of Arab leaders and an Israeli pledge to freeze settlement activity.

At the moment, all three conditions are out of reach.

• Under fire from Palestinian radicals for being too soft on Israel, Arafat renewed his opposition last week to the Reagan plan, saying it "suppresses the rights of the Palestinian people and ignores its national aspirations."

• No Arab countries other than Egypt and Lebanon publicly support the Reagan plan, being committed instead to the Fez proposals — which Israel has condemned as a prescription for its eventual dismantlement.

There are no signs on the horizon that Arab heads of state will embrace the Reagan plan.

• It is highly unlikely that Israel, under Yitzhak Shamir, will agree to stop constructing settlements. Indeed, Shamir has come out against a suggestion by his own finance minister to reduce spending on settlements.

Shamir, too, has said that there is no chance of reviving Reagan's peace proposals.

In spite of these factors, the Syrians are deeply concerned by Hussein's interest in the American plan.

Syrian President Hafez Assad, who has called Hussein as "a surrogate of U.S. imperialism," is determined to squelch Jordan's apparent bid to act on Reagan's proposals.

Having gained control of the anti-Arafat Palestinian dissidents, Syria has also begun a campaign of intimidation against Palestinian dignitaries in the occupied territories.

As 1984 was ushered in, an assassin tried to kill Rashad Shawa, the former mayor of Gaza. Shawa, who was deposed by the Israeli authorities, said he suspected the grenade attack was perpetrated by Palestinian extremists who were unhappy with his recent political statements.

Shawa suggested that Arafat should join Hussein in the peace process and that the West Bank, in the absence of any political solution, should be returned to Jordan, which lost it to Israel in 1967.

Jordan may very well be receptive to parts of his proposal. Last week, King Hussein summoned his long-suspended parliament into emergency session to consider changing a constitutional clause that has prevented elections since Israel's takeover of the West Bank.

Observers generally agree that the recall of parliament after a decade would be of momentous importance, since it would enable the king to speak on behalf of West Bank-Gaza Strip Arabs — a mandate held by the PLO since 1974.

If Jordan goes through with this course of action, King Hussein could probably get directly involved in peace talks — Syrian objections notwithstanding.

Spain-Sephardim ties may tighten

TORONTO —

Antonio Elias, the Spanish ambassador to Canada, hopes closer links will be established between Spain and Sephardic Jewish communities in other countries.

Those links predate the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492, Elias said in a speech here recently, pointing out there are now more than 20,000 Jews living in Spain.

The ambassador spoke before the district administrative board of B'nai B'rith Canada and leaders of Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla, a Sephardic synagogue in Toronto.

Although Spain has a consulate in Israel, the Spanish government has never formally recognized the Jewish state. "This abnormal situation is one which the present regime inherited from the former one," the ambassador explained.

Although he refused to speculate when such recognition might be forthcoming, Elias foresaw a link between the Spanish entrance into the European Common Market and closer diplomatic ties with, and possible recognition of, Israel.

Elias said the international dimension of B'nai B'rith will enable the organization to play an important role in the creation of a climate of mutual understanding between the world Jewish communities and Spain.

In the near future, it is hoped that B'nai B'rith will be involved in the development of a Spain-Israel tourist program which would include a week devoted to visiting historical Jewish sites in Spain and a week in Israel.

Accompanying the ambassador to the meeting were Jose Antonio Nunez de las Cuevas, director of the Spanish National Tourist Office, and Migual Otero, commercial consul of Spain in Toronto.

Spanish ambassador Antonio Elias addresses B'nai B'rith Canada leaders. At right is Don Jubas, president of BBC.

Community seeks changes in Criminal Code

Edmonton prepares racism brief for Alberta govt.

By
TAMMY KAROL

EDMONTON — Herb Katz, chairman of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council and a board member of the Edmonton Jewish Federation is presenting a brief to an Alberta government committee on racism next month.

The EJCC is affiliated with Canadian Jewish Congress' Joint Community Relations Committee and the EJF is the "parliament" of the city's Jewish community.

The provincially-appointed Committee on Tolerance and Understanding has been traveling across Alberta to hear briefs from some 150 individuals and groups. In Calgary there were presentations from the B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights, the Calgary Jewish Community Council and the National Council of Jewish Women [CJN Nov. 3].

The committee's mandate is to recommend to the minister of education ways in which to foster greater tolerance and respect for human rights in the education system.

Katz's brief will be presented Feb. 20 when the committee is in Edmonton. The Ghitter committee will also hear a brief by the Edmonton Hebrew School on the 20th.

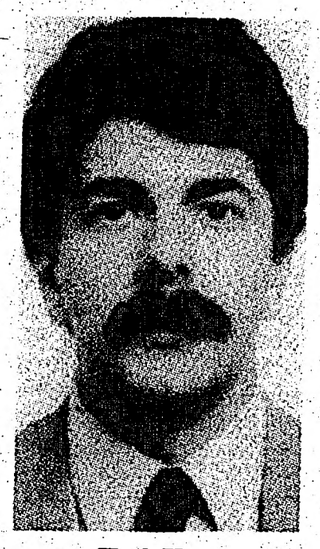
A final report on the committee's findings is expected to be completed next December and one of its chores will be to review Alberta's entire school curriculum from grades 1 to 12 to ensure that there are no aspects of school programs which encourage tolerance and misunderstanding. An interim report is due on Feb. 15.

Katz said he will review his brief this month with Howard Starkman, president of the EJF and a presentation will then be made before the federation's 40-member governing board. Members are representative of the city's Jewish community.

Once the board hears Katz's brief its members will discuss some of the recommendations he proposes.

Recommendations include changes in some aspects of provincial laws such as the Alberta Individual Rights Protection Act.

According to Katz, this act was passed by the Conservative government when it came to power in the 70s. Currently it is concerned with discrimination on the basis of gender in regard to employment.



Herb Katz

But Katz recommends that the mandate of the Alberta's Human Rights Commission be expanded to include discrimination on the basis of religion.

Katz is also pushing for changes in the hate literature provisions of Section 281 of the Criminal Code. He claims the amendments will aid prosecution of disseminators of hate literature.

The EJF chairman said he will also speak before the committee about the legal and educational ramifications of the Keegstra affair. [Keegstra, a former teacher in Eckville, Alberta, was fired from his job last year for telling students that the Holocaust was a hoax.]

"We (the Jewish community) want to explain why we're so exorcised about Keegstra. We feel the government and the population in general doesn't understand how dangerous Keegstra's ideas are," Katz explained.

Another of Katz's recommendations calls for mandatory teaching of the Holocaust, province-wide. He also wants the establishment of a core of inspectors to check what teachers are instructing children in the classroom.

According to Katz, others presenting briefs in Edmonton include the Franco-Albertan Society and a Metis group.

The Committee on Tolerance and Understanding is now heading to southern Alberta (Jan. 15-19). Its participants include a representative from the south Asian community and one from the native Indian community.

At its head is Ron Ghitter, a prominent Jewish lawyer from Calgary who is a former member of Premier Peter Lougheed's cabinet and who is a supporter of federal Tory leader Brian Mulroney.

The committee has a $350,000 budget, two full-time staff and 13 members.

Province conducts media blitz

Alberta projects fight racism

EDMONTON — The province's Human Rights Commission has ended its 2-month long series of radio, tv, and newspaper advertisements to fight racism in Alberta but other projects in the HRC campaign are expected to continue this year.

An estimated $542,000 has been allocated by the Alberta government to the HRC for the overall campaign. Launched Oct. 6, it is headed by Marlene Antonio, chairman of the province's HRC, and Les Young, Alberta's labor minister (CJN, Oct. 20).

The campaign ads ran until Dec. 18. Three advertisements appeared six times in 10 daily Alberta newspapers and two of the three ads were used twice each by 145 provincial weeklies.

Also, the HRC ads were carried at least 18 times on each radio station in Alberta. As well, CBC, CTV and the independent ITV network and their affiliate stations broadcast the anti-racism commercials a minimum of 14 times during the 2-month period.

Theme of the HRC campaign is "Alberta is for all of us," and advertising has been coordinated by Hayhurst Communications of Calgary.

Pat Sherbin, HRC's public affairs officer, said the second portion of the campaign is preparation of a booklet on racism, along with a number of posters. They will be mailed province-wide to schools, churches and other religious organizations and to special interest groups.

Alberta Culture and the HRC will also be sending out this month 52 profiles of ethnic communities in Alberta. The profiles, which include a segment on the Jewish community, are 600 words in length and weeklies and dailies are being asked to run them as a public service.

Sherbin said many callers to the HRC have been "quite happy" about the recent ad campaign. She noted that there has been complimentary response from members of the Jewish community.

"Some people have complained that in recessionary times the Alberta government shouldn't be spending money on this type of campaign. We have also gotten some hate calls, but there's no way to stop hard core bigots," Sherbin added.

She pointed out that there has been an increase of letters at the HRC from school children who want to know more about racism.

A special feature of the ad campaign was a Dec. 10 essay contest held in conjunction with International Human Rights Day.

Children were asked to write about some aspect of racism or about international human rights. There were three categories for entries submitted: one for 4-6-year-olds, one for 7-9-year-olds and one for 10-12-year-olds.

Press releases detailing the contest and publicizing International Human Rights Day were sent by the HRC to churches, synagogues and other religious organizations.

Sherbin stressed that although the media ad portion of the HRC campaign is over the HRC will continue with its regular educational programs and work on other projects such as posters and pamphlets which will help combat racism.

According to Sherbin, the "catalyst" for the HRC and the government to take more affirmative action against racism was the "Keegstra affair."

But she pointed out that the campaign idea was initiated in response to a general rise in racism over the last 18 months.

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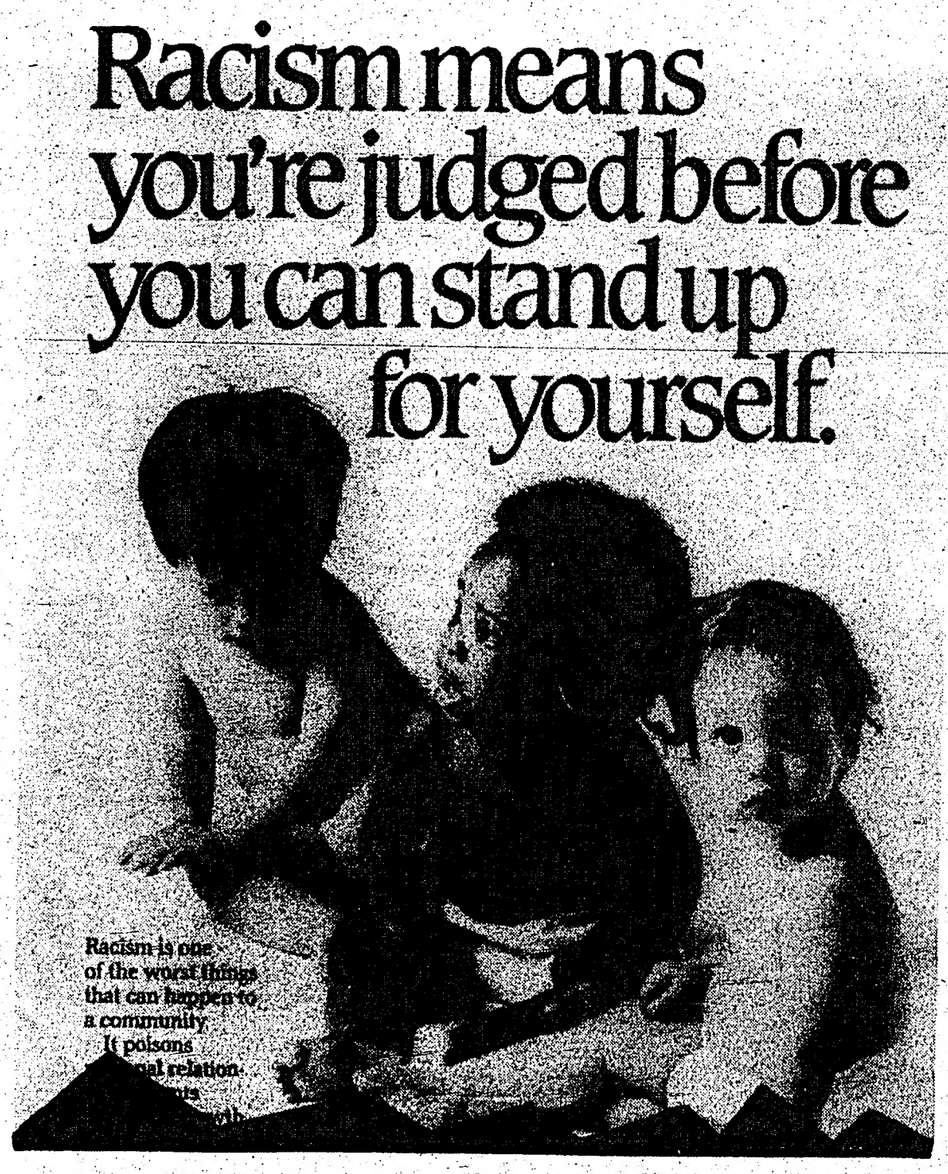
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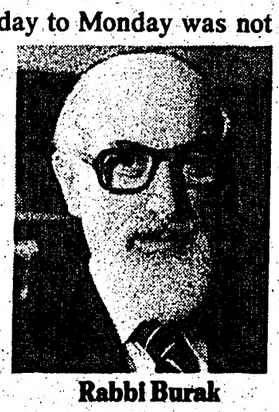
Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: Why was it not possible to have a Jewish funeral on Sunday, Dec. 25? Was there no other way to do it for those who died Friday afternoon but to leave them unburied till Monday?

The delay from Sunday to Monday was not for halachic reasons.


Rabbi Burak

The gravediggers decided that they must honor Dec. 25 by having a holiday. It is true that sundry football athletes went about their work on that day, were seen on countless TV screens in the company of their coaches, managers, athletic directors and fans. But gravediggers are frummer since they see so much of death and eternity. And so they rested on this day.

A question was asked whether it would have been in conformity with Jewish law if the grave had been dug late Friday afternoon. The staff members of our funeral directors were prepared to do the rest on Sunday: to lower the casket and fill in the grave.

A quick look at the Shulchan 'Aruch would indicate that this is not permissible. The Code, Y.D. Chapter 339:1, states that "one may not dig a grave and leave it open for burial on the next day. . . . If it is done, there is imminent danger." The Hebrew word, saccanah, is used and that means the violation of this principle carries with it danger to the rest of the community.

Nevertheless, the halacha is a supple instrument when alleviating human suffering is concerned. Here is a way around this problem: In Rabbi Isaac Lampronti's Pachad Yitzhak — first printed in 1749 — our problem is discussed, and we are told that "in Ferrare, when the aged Rabbi Shmuel Ravena died in 5482, it was found necessary to dig his grave the day before the burial. . . . And they came before the Beth Din and asked if they should be afraid to do this. . . . And it was permitted them to dig the grave, provided that when the excavation would be completed, they would cover the grave with a cover of matting or boards."

Not everyone accepted this ruling by the Pachad Yitzhak. All the authorities who stand in opposition to this ruling are cited in volume 4, number 150 of the responsa of Maharsham. But, the Pachad Yitzhak is not so easily brushed aside for it was not just a ruling. It was ma'ase rav, a decision acted upon by a distinguished Beth Din.

But, a higher authority did rule against the Pachad Yitzhak. When the idea was suggested to one of the cemeteries, we were told it could not be done for insurance reasons. If, despite its cover, someone would fall into that grave, it would cause a nasty insurance problem.

In Poland when such a problem arose and a grave was dug the day before the funeral, the shammash of the community took a lantern, parked himself overnight in the grave, said Tehillim through the night, and saved the community from saccanah and from insurance claims. In the sub-zero temperature of late December, no such martyr was available.

Climate of optimism

Argentine prisoners gain freedom

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Thirty-three Argentine Jewish prisoners named on a list compiled by the anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith have been given their freedom by the new Buenos Aires government, the ADL announced last week.

According to Abraham Foxman, ADL's associate national director and head of the league's international affairs division, news of release of six of the 33 was transmitted to ADL by the Argentine government through its embassy in Washington.

He added that the league learned of the freeing of the remaining 27 through unofficial sources.

The freeing of the 27 came about when the government's power of executive detention was terminated with lifting of the official state of siege on the eve of the Oct. 30 election.

Those released, Foxman said, were among the hundreds of imprisoned individuals on whose behalf the ADL is also actively involved in seeking information in at least 900 cases — out of many thousands — of "desaparecidos" [disappeared].

Rabbi Horton Rosenthal, director of ADL's Latin American department, said, in an article in the January edition of the ADL Bulletin, that the steps taken in Argentina on behalf of human rights have generated a climate of optimism in the Argentine Jewish community.

The article, titled, A Hopeful Era for Argentine Jewry, said: "Those who have watched with consternation as Argentine society suffered progressive deterioration under military rule will surely wish to support the new democratic government of Argentina in its efforts to usher in a refreshing era of democracy and freedom."

Refusenik talks scheduled

By
GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —

Three members of the parliamentary committee for Soviet Jewry will travel to the USSR next week to discuss Canadian concern for the thousands of Refuseniks unable to rejoin their families abroad.

The all-party delegation, headed by committee chairman Jim Peterson [Lib.-Willowdale], includes PC Fred King and NDP member Lynn McDonald.

King's wife Audrey, who heads the parliamentary spouses committee for Soviet Jewry, Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president Alan Rose and Group of 35 chairman Barbara Stern will accompany the parliamentarians on the week-long trip to Moscow and Leningrad.

A spokeswoman in Peterson's office said the delegation expects to meet with Soviet officials in the embassy here before their departure to confirm the week's agenda. The committee members have requested a number of meetings with Soviet Politburo members and with a number of Refuseniks.

The delegation intends to follow up a number of contacts made during the parliamentary visit led by MP David Smith a year ago.

Author, rabbi receive honors

BRUSSELS [JTA] —

Two European Jews won high honors last week.

King Baudouin of Belgium knighted Chaim Perelman, a philosophy professor at Burssels University, who has also served as a visiting professor at McGill University in Montreal and Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

Perelman, 72, the author of more than 300 publications, was given the title of baron in recognition of his contributions to philosophical thought.

And in Paris, France's "TV Rabbi," Rabbi Josy Eisenberg, who directs a highly popular Jewish religious program on French state-controlled television, was awarded the Legion of Honor in the New Year list. Sisenberg, 52, was given the coveted award for "improving relations between Jews and Christians."

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"I'm old, but strong enough to murder him"

Rauca's death ends survivor's dream for revenge

By
NAOMI LAKRITZ

WINNIPEG —
The death last fall of Nazi Helmut Rauca meant the end of a life-long dream for a Winnipeg woman who had planned to testify at his trial.

Rachel Eisenstadt, 65, a survivor of the Kaunas ghetto, said her dearest wish had been to see justice done to the man who sent her family to their deaths in October, 1941.

Rauca, whose trial had been set for early in 1984, died of natural causes at a West German hospital after his extradition from Canada.

"I'm sorry he died so easily. He should have gotten the death sentence and been made to suffer the way we did," said Eisenstadt, who stood before Rauca that day as he ordered her parents and 14-year-old sister, Leah, to the left.

"I can still see him standing there with his murderers — the Lithuanian army and the SS troops — deciding who would live and who would die. My parents were hardly 40, but Rauca said they were too old to work for him. My little sister was too young. He sent them all to the left," says Eisenstadt.

The Jews chosen to be executed were lined up at a mass grave and shot. Eisenstadt and her husband, Pinchas, spared

Rachel Eisenstadt in reflective mood.

because they were both in their 20s and could work, prayed their year-old son, Alec, was safe in his hiding place.

"We managed to hide him in a nearby bunker when we heard the Nazis were coming. But we knew he wouldn't be safe there for long," says Eisenstadt.

She lost Pinchas soon after the deaths of her family, when the Nazis rounded up all the young men of the ghetto.

"Pinchas was taken to Dachau. Later, I learned that he died there."

With her loved ones gone, Eisenstadt launched a desperate search for a safe haven for Alec.

"I hid him in 13 different places before I could get him out of the ghetto for good. Finally, a woman I worked with at the laundry offered to take him in. I gave her my jewels, my gold pieces and American dollars. I gave her everything I had to pay for my son's life."

Before leaving him with the woman, she pressed into his hand a photograph of herself so he would always know who his mother was.

"I wanted him to know who he belonged to. Do you know what it's like to leave your child, never knowing if you'll see him again?" she asks.

But the beautiful mother who left him behind was not the same woman who came back three years later from the Stutthof concentration camp.

"As soon as we were liberated, I went straight to Kaunas to get him. But he thought I was a witch. I was bald and emaciated and he didn't know me. He said, 'You aren't my mama. My mama is beautiful,' " said Eisenstadt.

She bade him take a closer look at the photo and then she moved to the window so the light would strike her features.

"Suddenly, Alec looked at me and started screaming, 'Mama! Mama!' and threw his arms around me."

Now a successful engineer in Winnipeg, Alec was the one who urged his mother to testify at Rauca's trial.

"Alec was planning to go with me. It's heartbreaking to know that now justice will never be done," says Eisenstadt.

"If I had been there, I would have gotten my hands around Rauca's neck and they would not have quivered. An eye for an eye. I'm old, but I'm strong enough to murder him with the memory of what he did to my family and the Jews of Lithuania. He killed 20,000 Jews and I waited 42 years to see him answer for his crimes."

The last several years have been spent writing a book about her Holocaust experiences, but she must frequently lay down the pen when memories grow too painful for words.

"The book is for Alec so that he will never forget what we went through. It's written in Yiddish, but I would like to find someone who could translate it into English. Then it could be published in Canada so that people like Jim Keegstra will read it and know that the Holocaust really did happen," she says.

BB poster campaign

OTTAWA —
More than 11,000 posters, depicting a family group and bearing the solgan "Anti-semitism is anti-human," will be distributed across Canada this year to schools, public libraries, transit authorities and government offices.

The national poster campaign was launched recently by the B'nai B'rith Canada's League for Human Rights. The poster, by Toronto artist Mendelson Joe, was unveiled before the Caucus of the Human Rights Coalition Fair at the Conference Centre in Ottawa and the organizing committee for the 35th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the University of Quebec in Montreal.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Isaac Goldsmid was born in London on Jan. 13, 1778, a westernmost representative of Europe's international banking families that followed what historian Howard Sachar has called "the Frankfurt tradition."

During the 17th and 18th centuries, monarchs consolidating their rule turned increasingly to wealthy local Jews with international connections, to help fund their hired armies and bureaucrats. Despots like Frederick II of Prussia granted, successful individuals from largely oppressed Jewish communities social and economic concessions. Encouraged, the Jewish entrepreneurs developed new lines of trade for their host countries and new sources of taxes.

The diary of an 18th century German Jewess, Gluckel of Hamelin, documents a family's business that rose from peddling to large-scale import-export and the delivery of silver to government mints.

Such families continued to thrive as the industrial revolution turned Europe from static feudal society capitalism, with its unlimited need for cash to fund factories, mines, and later railroads and steamships. The Jews' international connections, experience in dealing with money, and urban concentration made them disproportionately influential in the rise of the new economic order.

Rulers began turning to established Jewish families for direct support. The latter either loaned them their own money and that of their relatives in other parts of Europe, or undertook to raise the required funds, through issuing new securities and selling them to investors. The process became institutionalized in the form of investment banks, which could provide governments with large loans on short notice.

By the end of the 18th century, family banking houses in Amsterdam, London and particularly Central Europe underwrote the industrial and political development of their countries, and international trade and exploration. At the same time, indirectly or by their timely intervention, the status of the families' home communities was also raised.

Most of Europe's Jewish banking dynasties originated in Frankfurt and dominated trade in that city. The Rothschilds, Seligmans and Oppenheimers, the Warburgs of Hamburg, the Mendelssohns and Bleichroders of Berlin, and the Eskeles and Arnsteins of Vienna were among those who originated or gained their experience in Frankfurt . . . As was Aaron Goldsmid, who settled in London in the 1730s.

Two of Aaron's sons, Benjamin and Abraham, became among the earliest Jewish financiers in modern England, outbidding the old established bankers in providing loans to the government at the time of the French revolutionary wars. The element of competition they injected, stimulated the growth of England's economy and of the London stock Exchange. They participated fully in the affairs of the Jewish community, among other things, leading London's Great Synagogue for a number of years and establishing the Jews' Hospital.

Their participation in general philanthropy, their friendship with Lord Horatio Nelson, and their association with King George III's family began to make Jews acceptable in the highest social circles.

Isaac Lyon Goldsmid, Aaron's grandson, made his fortune largely through financing railway construction. In 1841, he was made a baronet, becoming the first professing Jew to receive an hereditary title in England. Five years later, he was honored by Portugal as the Baron of Palmeira.

Across Europe, titles were bestowed by grateful governments to reward and encourage the support lent by their leading Jews. They also supported their financiers' pleas to intervene in outrages against Jews in other lands. In 1840, for example, England and France's leading Jews, under the leadership of Moses Montefiore, succeeded in obtaining the release of several prominent Jews in Damascus falsely imprisoned and tortured on a blood libel charge. In other cases — such as the kidnapping and forced baptism of a Jewish child by papal authorities, Edgar Mortara, in 1858 — Jewish efforts were of little avail.

Goldsmid died in 1859. Within a few years, new techniques in banking, evolving national laws, incorporation, and rising nationalism combined to break up the family banks. "The Frankfurt tradition" ended with World War I, as the young sons of the various banks rushed out to serve their respective countries.

Despite split over Arafat's Egypt visit

Key U.S.-Israel meetings to begin

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Three successive 3-day American-Israeli meetings are to take place in Washington this month that will open discussions on far-reaching bilateral political, military and economic relationships agreed at the Reagan-Shamir talks late last year.

Despite anger in Jerusalem and within the American Jewish communal leadership over the U.S. blessing of the new-found friendship between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Yasser Arafat, chief of the shredded Palestine Liberation Organization, the meetings are expected to go forward, competent Israeli and American sources indicated.

The first of the meetings will begin Jan. 17 in the offices of the U.S. Trade Representative former Senator Bill Brock and will concern the establishment of a free trade area by which both countries will be able to import each other's civilian goods without any customs barriers, including tariffs.

The second meeting will begin Jan. 20 regarding the U.S. foreign aid program for Israel and will be held at the state department. While $1.4 billion in grants for military use by Israel in fiscal year 1985 has been agreed upon, economic aid will be discussed. For the current fiscal year it is a grant of $910 million. Israel is seeking $1.1 billion for the 1985 fiscal year, which begins in October.

The third meeting, also at the state department, will start Jan. 23. This concerns political and military cooperation. Admiral John Howe, chief of the department's office for political and military affairs, will head the 5-member U.S. delegation. Israel's will be led by Major-General Menachem Meron, director-general of the ministry of defence.

Witnesses sought for Soviet mayor

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress advises that the U.S. department of justice is looking for witnesses to testify regarding the activities of the former mayor of Kaganovitche (also known as Popasnaya) in the USSR during the German occupation.

Anyone having relevant information should contact: Aba Beer, chairman, National Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, 1590 Ave. Dr. Penfield, Montreal H3G 1C5. Or call (514) 931-7531, ext. 263 or 248.

West Germany ransoms Jewish political prisoners

BONN [ITA] — **Several Jews are among the 1,034 political prisoners whose freedom was bought in 1983 by the Federal Republic of Germany from East Germany.**

According to activities of the International Society for Human Rights, the Jews were engaged in an independent peace movement.

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Hockey coach claims "rotten" treatment

Oldtimers find Soviets only understand hammer

By GARY COHEN

TORONTO —

Don (Doc) Lyons, coach of the world champion Metro Oldtimers hockey club, last week summed up his feelings on the team's recent 7-day trip to the Soviet Union for a series of exhibition matches with characteristic alacrity and frankness when contacted by The CJN.

"You kiss the ground when you get home," Lyons said. "Everything the Soviets did to us while we were over there was rotten. Their idea of friendship isn't exactly my idea of friendship. The only time they are friendly is when they are winning — otherwise, the only thing they understand is the hammer."

The Oldtimers, a local team consisting of ex-pros and amateur players, including defenceman David Kosoy who like Lyons is a prominent member of Toronto's Jewish community, dropped all three games in the "friendship tournament" series after scoring a 4-3 victory over the Russians in a game played in Whitby, Ont., prior to the trip.

Missing the scoring punch usually provided by ex-Leafs Mike Walton, Claire Alexander and Jim McKenny, Oldtimers lost 2-1, 3-1 and 3-1 decisions to the group of Soviet seniors, many of whom played in the famous Canada-Russia series of 1972.

Alexander publicly refused to take part in the series to protest the downing of the Korean airliner over Soviet territory last year. Business obligations kept Walton and McKenny from joining the team.

But it wasn't the losses that got under Lyons' skin — he was quick to admit that the Soviets were in great shape and played well. It was the treatment his players received while in Russia at the hands of the Soviet hockey federation that infuriated him.

Apart from the standard sub-par food and accommodations, and shoddy refereeing, Lyons said the Soviets interpreted every gracious gesture by the Canadians as a sign of weakness to be capitalized on.

For instance, after the opening 2-1 loss before a national Soviet television audience (the game was also beamed to Czechoslovakia) and a sellout crowd of 14,000 spectators at Moscow's Sporting Palace, the Canadians were approached about playing a "friendship game" against a local factory team in the city of Talyati. In an effort to be accommodating, Lyons and his players, though dead tired, agreed to the match.

But when the Metro club reached the city, home of the Lada car plant, they were met by huge banners announcing a game between the Canadian National Oldtimers and the Russian All-Star Oldtimers — despite the fact that the Metro team is only a local outfit.

Even more surprises were awaiting the club on the ice, according to Lyons. Instead of finding the second-rate factory team they had expected to play, the Canadians discovered themselves pitted against a beefed-up version of the club they had lost to the night before.

The only difference was that the Soviets had dropped their six weakest skaters and replaced them with established senior stars like Alexander Yakushev.

And although there is no body checking in oldtimer's hockey, Lyons said the Soviets continued to lay the body and stick on thoroughout the series until the Canadians, with Lyons' blessings, fought back.

Lyons, who said he plans to leave his coaching position with the team after it defends its world title in London, England in March, added that he wouldn't mind another crack at the Soviets — but this time on his own terms.

"I'd like to get them back here in Canada for another tournament," he said. "Yes, I'd love to get them back. They'd play their first game in Vancouver, the second in Gander, Newfoundland and then I'd fly them back to Winnipeg the next day to play there."

Right, Don. Nothing like a little Russian hospitality — Canadian style.

CJC brief on employment

Minorities must be educated

MONTREAL —

In a brief submitted to Judge Rosalie Abella, chairman of the Commission of Inquiry on Equality in Employment, the Canadian Jewish Congress says that equal opportunity in the workplace can best be achieved through educating minorities so they can compete for jobs on equal terms.

The commission was instituted by the federal government to look into fair employment practices in Canada.

While many other submissions to the commission have advocated affirmative action in employment practices, the CJC brief suggests that this "short circuit" may not be the most effective manner of dealing with the problem.

"We consider that programs designed to equip minorities to compete on equal terms must be our urgent response to the problem," the brief states.

Another recommendation by the CJC is to amend all federal legislation to comply with the new Charter of Rights and Freedoms to help ensure equal opportunity in the job market.

The responsibility, however, extends beyond government, says Congress. "The public and private sectors also have specific duties in this area. In the public sector this principle must be a major policy commitment. And management, labor and non-governmental organizations in the private sector must come together to advance this endeavor."

Insisting that the federal government can have a major effect on equal opportunity in the workplace, the brief states:

"It would be useful if the federal government initiated a national conference of the private sector to advance equality of opportunity. Following such a conference, the prime responsibility of implementation should fall on the private sector."

Schmidt to heal rift

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Former West German chancellor Helmut Schmidt plans to heal his long-standing rift with Israel by appearing as piano soloist at an Israel Independence Day concert here next spring with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Leonard Bernstein, the newspaper Davar reported.

Schmidt, an accomplished amateur pianist, was involved in a bitter personal feud with former Premier Menachem Begin and resolved not to visit Israel as chancellor as long as Begin remained in office.

Both men are now out of office and Schmidt decided the time has come to end his "misunderstanding" with Israel, Davar said.

Daily chapters

The daily chapters in the international 3-year Bible reading cycle of the World Jewish Bible Society and the Jewish Agency are, for this week:

For Thursday, Jan. 12, Ezekiel 26; Friday, Exodus 13:17-17:16 (Beshalach); Shabbat Shira, Judges 4:4-5:31 (haftorah); Sunday, Ezekiel 27; Monday, Ezekiel 28; Tuesday, Ezekiel 29; Wednesday, Ezekiel 30.

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Editorial

Cuba doesn't deserve praise

Twenty-five years ago Fidel Castro came out of the mountains in Cuba to dislodge Fulgencio Batista from his presidency.

Whether or not Castro was a Communist when he came into office is a matter best left to historians. What is incontestable is that in the quarter century of Castro's governance, he has turned Cuba into a Communist and anti-Israel island.

Apologists for the Cuban regime argue that every country has a right to set up the government it wishes. There are 600,000 Cuban exiles in the United States and elsewhere, however, who are ready to dispute the legitimacy of Castro's rule in Cuba.

Not only has Castro eliminated virtually every freedom deeded to man since the Magna Carta, but he has also worked indefatigably to export his revolution to other countries, and to defame Israel.

Cuban troops, part of the huge reservoir of manpower which Castro apparently cannot integrate into his over-burdened economy, are now found in Africa (Angola), where, 3,000 miles from home, they are export agents for Fidel Castro's vision of Third World solidarity.

Israel's President Chaim Herzog confirmed recently in Atlanta (during the annual meetings of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds) what has long been rumored. "We fought them, the Cubans, on the Golan Heights," he said.

With such a record, Canadian Jews should think twice before they applaud the achievements of Cuba, such as they have been, since the 1959 revolution.

Orwell's flaw didn't show

We have been inundated lately with Orwelliana — as might be expected with the arrival of 1984, the year in which English writer George Orwell predicted dire happenings in the world.

Orwell, it appears, had a vigorous literary and political prescience. Many of the things which he predicted in his chilling novel are taking on a frightening reality today.

We do not wish to detract from the general adulation which is being showered upon this son of the English middle class. There was one defect, however, in Orwell's makeup, which should be drawn to the attention of the public.

According to Malcolm Muggeridge, that other great iconoclast, George Orwell was an unrepentent anti-semite. His anti-semitism was a private affair and did not seep into his written works.

Muggeridge reports in his Like It Was: A Selection from the Diaries of Malcolm Muggeridge, that when Orwell died it was ironic how so many Jewish people came to his funeral.

The irony was because, as Muggeridge relates it, Orwell had lunatic views of Jews. During the latter part of his life when he was hospitalized Orwell often received Muggeridge as a visitor. Muggeridge says that Orwell would use much of the time to fulminate about the Jewish "conspiracy" and would prattle endlessly about Jewish sins.

A troubling footnote to the career of an otherwise extraordinary individual.

Oppose West Bank occupation

U.S. group wants Israel aid cut

Jewish settlers outside the cooperative store in Quatro Irmaos, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, in 1942.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

A campaign has been launched in Ann Arbor, Mich., that could have national ramifications for Israel if it succeeds.

Stanely Mendenhall, a public health consultant whose father is on the faculty of the University of Michigan, leads a group called People for Reassessment of Aid to Israel (PRAI).

PRAI, which has already collected 4,000 signatures on a petition, wants to put a referendum on the April ballot requesting a $300 million reduction in U.S. assistance to Israel.

The sum, PRAI contends, is equal to the amount of money Israel spends on occupying and administering the West Bank, captured by the Israeli army during the Six Day war.

For the past few years, Israel has been the recipient of U.S. aid programs that have annually totalled more than $2 billion. Last month, the Reagan administration agreed to give Israel — its partner in strategic cooperation in the Middle East — $1.4 billion in military aid without requiring Israel to pay it back.

If PRAI manages to get the referendum on the ballot, pressure groups elsewhere in the U.S. may do likewise and thereby create a grassroots anti-Israel movement across the country.

Ann Arbor's Jewish Community Council has been conducting what The Detroit Jewish News calls a "quiet campaign" opposing the referendum. And one of its spokesmen, Rabbi Allan Kensky, believes that it will not be placed before the voters.

Metro Ann Arbor has a population of about 260,000 — 3,000 of whom are Jewish.

PRAI has already given city council a presentation on its views, and the Jewish Community Council may follow suit this month. City council will have the last word, because its members decide whether or not to sponsor the referendum on American aid to Israel.

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JEWISH FARMERS

Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv, recently mounted an exhibition entitled The Jewish Agricultural Experience in the diaspora.

Consisting of over 350 photographs, documents and publications from around the world, the exhibition highlighted the contributions of Jewish farmers in Europe, Canada, the U.S., Latin America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Eliahu Benjamin, who organized The Jewish Agricultural Experience in the Diaspora, writes that the Jewish farmer was not held in high esteem by his fellow Jews.

"The term 'farmer' was regarded as derogatory and was generally used in reference to those young men who were not interested in studying the Torah, or in pursuing the traditional lifestyle of their fathers.

"Merchants, community officials and, of course, teachers and yeshiva students were seen as reputable and useful members of society. Men of the soil, however, were not included among their ranks."

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MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Strange but true — Tony Bloom, a South African business tycoon, has resigned from the executive of the Jewish Board of Deputies — the umbrella organization of South African Jewry — because of his marriage to a Christian woman.

The Southern African Rabbinical Association had deplored his decision to marry the daughter of a general who had been chief of staff to Erwin Rommel, the famous commander of Nazi Germany's Afrika Korps.

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HOODED RACISTS

Preaching the twin message of racism and xenophobia, the Ku Klux Klan has led a checkered existence since its establishment in Pulaski, Tennessee, in 1865. It grew tremendously in the 1920s, declined in the 1930s and bounced back a decade ago.

The Klan whose favorite scapegoats have been Blacks, Jews and Catholics, moved northward to Canada in an expansionary mood in the 20s, hoping to recruit Canadians. Overall, its impact was rather limited, though some regions responded better than others.

Julian Sher, a Montreal journalist, has researched the Klan and produced an interesting book on the subject — **White Hoods: Canada's Ku Klux Klan [New Star Books].**

In surveying the Klan's success, or lack thereof, Sher provides an overview of its nefarious activities. It tried to penetrate Quebec but failed because that province had a strong Roman Catholic population. It was something of a serious force in Ontario, the home of militant Protestant Orangemen, yet its influence there was minimal compared to the strength it mustered in Western Canada.

worked hand-in-glove with the Klan by popularizing anti-immigrant myths and whipping up "yellow peril" sentiment.

In Alberta, the Klan did not attack Asiatics but Central and Eastern Europeans and French Canadians. The KKK's treasurer in Saskatchewan, Dr. Walter Cowan, was the federal Tory MP for Regina from 1917 to 1921, and for Long Lake from 1930 to 1935.

Despite its appeal, the Klan failed in the late 1920s, torn apart by personal feuds, scandals [some of its leaders were brought to trial for fraud and theft] and an inability to adapt to changing times. In Saskatchewan, for example, the provincial government began to apply anti-French measures the Klan had demanded, thereby satisfying bigots who has turned to the KKK for precisely this reason.

It wasn't until 1980 that the Klan formally reappeared, and the man who was instrumental in building it up again in Canada was David Duke, an American Klansman who possessed a flair for public relations.

As Sher explains, the Klan reemerged as a result of two trends in the 1970s — the revival in the U.S. of a modern KKK with links to neo-Nazi organizations, and the prominence of fascist groups in Toronto.

Sher claims that a "direct line" can be traced from the Canadian Nazi Party to the Canadian National Socialist Party to the Edmund Burke Society, the Western Guard, the Nationalist Party, and finally to the Ku Klux Klan.

Klan policies have taken shape

The Klan, he discloses, was influenced by such figures as Don Andrews, a Canadian Serbian who was active in the Western Guard, and John Ross Taylor, a veteran Nazi from the 1930s who was convicted, and jailed, for disseminating racial hatred.

Their acolytes were: Wolfgang Droege, a Bavarian who was born in 1949; Jacob Prins, whom Sher describes as "a fanatical anti-semite"; Martin Weiche, a German in his 50s who enriched himself in the real estate business, and James Alexander McQuirter, a Torontonian known for his wholesome appearance.

Strangely enough, one of their accomplices was a Jew — a petty gangster named Charles Yanover. Said one of the Klan masterminds: "We felt personally that once he had outlived his usefulness, he would be eliminated."

Although the Klan is not influential in Canada today, it wants to seize power and remake Canadian society in its own image. The Klan has no official platform, but its policies have taken shape through public pronouncements by its leaders.

Sher blames the media for having helped catapult the Klan into the public eye. The coverage it received in its first year of operation was, he charges, "widespread, usually uncritical and at times flattering."

Early on, the Klan recognized the value of the media. As McQuirter put it: "It's the key to our success."

Vancouver allows KKK to march

Out West, Sher says, the Klan rode high. In 1925, a resolution condemning the KKK was voted down in British Columbia's legislature. Two years later, the Vancouver city council granted the group a permit to march in a parade.

Major dailies like the Sun and the Province, the largest in Vancouver, inadvertently

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Art Out Of Agony takes look at tragedy

Films, books bring home horrors of the Holocaust

The Holocaust haunts us . . . 39 years after the last European Jew was killed by the Nazis.

In the following excerpts from Art Out Of Agony, prominent writers and critics discuss the phenomenon of the Holocaust with Stephen Lewis, now a Toronto radio commentator and formerly leader of the Ontario NDP.

The book is an outgrowth of Voices From The Holocaust, an award-winning CBC radio series broadcast in 1983. Art Out Of Agony will be available this month in paperback from CBC Enterprises at $8.95.

The Canadian Jewish News has selected excerpts from interviews with: George Steiner, a leading European critic and academic; novelist Elie Wiesel and William Styron, author of Sophie's Choice.

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Recently there has been a spate of books and films in which the Holocaust theme has been central. Why now? George Steiner —

The tragic and grim politics of Israel have thrown into extremely sharp relief the relationship between the Middle East crisis and the Holocaust, from which the modern state of Israel sprang. Anyone trying to think about the situation in the Middle East, which may bring on a world conflict, is almost bound to think about the Jewish flight to what was then Palestine, the emergence of the State of Israel, and the appalling paradox that, today, the Israeli Jew is in many respects the armed master of an occupied population. That's one reason.

Secondly, after an almost predictable interval, the figure of Hitler and the phenomenon of Nazism are again casting an immense spell over the imagination. The young and the ones who did not live through that period ask, "'How was that possible? What kind of insane bad luck gripped mankind at that point?" Those who did live through it are just beginning to be able to bear their own memories.

Psychologists tell us that there is a critical period before which you simply cannot endure or recollect what you have experienced. After 30 or 40 years, not only can you begin to, but perhaps you have to, in order to come to some kind of peace with yourself.

When you look at the materials that have emerged, how do you feel about them individually?

I want to distinguish among those who actually went through it. If such a man says to me, "I will never write about it," hats off. I respect that very, very deeply. The German philosopher Adorno said, "No poetry after Auschwitz." (In fact, a better translation is, "No poetry about Auschwitz.") Simply keep your mouth shut, the thing is unspeakable. I say, "Right and fair." One has no right to challenge any survivor who chooses this option. There are also those, like Elie Wiesel, who have gone through it, and who feel they must bear witness the rest of their lives. That, too, I have enormous respect for.

Then there are those of us who have not personally endured it, and who feel we must come to grips with it. We've got to be terribly careful, because this theme flatters those who deal with it in a very subtle and corrosive way. The moment you set down the word Auschwitz or the theme of the death camps, you immediately pre-empt a certain kind of respect or importance or concentrated attention; we have to be very, very careful.

There are great masters like Bill Styron — whom I admire — who, after writing as a Black in Nat Turner, puts himself within the unimaginable skin of the Jews inside the death camps in Sophie's Choice, I think for profoundly honest and compelling reasons.

One must always ask what is the motive of the person who now takes up the Holocaust as a fiction, or a film, or a play, or an imaginary reportage. A book such as D. M. Thomas's The White Hotel, a world best-seller, has made many of its readers feel acutely uncomfortable, profoundly ill-at-ease when asking, "what is the motive behind this act of reimagining?" So I don't think a general answer is possible to your question.

You have wondered whether some of these novels would not ultimately be pulp fiction. Was that not a concern about Sophie's Choice?

I hope not, because I think there is, in Styron, a very serious artist. Moreover, something wonderful happens in that book. All the American episodes seem brilliantly successful: the scene on the beach at Coney Island, the scenes in New York in the publishing world, the mad, apocalyptic trip to the south, make Sophie utterly breathtaking. Yet I am unconvinced by the German and Polish scenes.

The terror of the Holocaust is being remembered and examined in a spate of films and books.

But that is a compliment to Styron. Finally he can't fake it. Finally his own honesty of talent brought a certain measure of failure to his attempt to imagine the unimaginable. I would have been much more worried if he had, in a technicolor effect of virtuosity, been able to pull off the illusion of authority on the actual world of death camps; but I don't think he does.

But for the world at large, the evocation of Sophie and the death camps is the death camps.

You raise a very difficult point. There was a lot to criticize in the Holocaust television series, of course. Yet I think, on balance, it did a lot of good for the untutored or for the person who had done very little to find out what had happened in our own time and place.

That television series, Sophie's Choice, The White Hotel and other works are bringing the imagination up against the unendurable. And that is such a monstrously difficult thing to do that it's too easy for us to take a very lofty view and say it needs a Tolstoy or Dostoevsky.

Of course it does, but God doesn't always provide such writers; they aren't always available. Finally, the risks taken here are more honest, and have a far greater dignity of danger, than the next 600 novels about adultery on the campus.

[Aharon] Appelfeld says not only that the survivor alone can write with authenticity and emotive force, but also that the theme must be dealt with obliquely, if at all. You cannot deal with it head on.

To the survivor who says that, I have nothing to answer. Neither you nor I have the right to say he is wrong. Yet Shakespeare creates for us, forever, the Venice of the Renaissance, the Romé of Julius Caesar, neither of which he had ever seen, and about which he knew less than does a modern school child. The fact that the great Napoleonic wars against Russia exist for us in Tolstoy and not in the documents of the actual participants disproves Appelfeld's assertion.

Again and again the great poet gets it right in a way that even the witness and the historian don't. I'd be very surprised if Homer had ever been within 500 hundred miles of Troy. I can see him listening to the distant survivors and saying to himself very gently, "I know better." And, in fact, he did. So I don't accept that.

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Why do you think there has been such a burst of literature and film dealing with the Holocaust in the last two or three years? Elie Wiesel —

Some reasons are superficial, others are profound. Superficially, it is the commercial motivation. What sells is what is being offered. People want to know, and people want to know superficial things. The easier it is to understand, the easier to absorb the event, the better it is for them.

The profound reasons is that the subject has been suppressed for so many years that now it is bursting forth. Therefore, you have it in all the various forms of art: movies, television, literature, poetry, history. Which is good, by the way: I applaud it, if it is being done with respect and sensitivity.

You say that the subject has been repressed all these years. Are the reasons for that endemic to the survivor, or are they a little sinister or conspiratorial?

Not conspiratorial, no. People did not want to know. People were afraid to know. They all felt threatened, guilty, accused, indicted. So, on one hand, the survivors did not speak because they knew they would not be understood. They still think so, as I do. On the other hand, they also knew that the tale had to be told. Hence the difficulty, the obstacle. How are we to say the things that must be said and yet we know cannot be said? As a result, there was a certain silence.

For many, many years, you could not publish a book on the subject. My first book, Night, went from publisher to publisher in the United States, and all the major publishers refused it.

The Holocaust defied words, language, imagination, knowledge. For many years we believed this, we still believe it, except now we accept it less. Now we say that if people listen to at least a fragment of the story, it is enough.

But in the beginning, there was so much to tell, and the recurring phrase on our lips was: he wouldn't understand. In 1945 to 1947, people would ask what happened. And all of us would simply say, we cannot tell — you wouldn't understand. True. Nobody could understand the misery, the fear, the anguish, the pain, the hunger, the humiliation, the infinite humiliation of a person who was to be the absolute victim.

Do you hold to the view that non-survivors should not try to capture the events?

I never said that. Everybody has the right to deal with the subject — novelists and poets and painters and musicians — if it is in the direction of our anguish, and does not disarm it. I think John Hersey wrote a great novel, The Wall. Nelly Sachs was never in a camp, yet she wrote poetry about that experience. Paul Celan was never in Auschwitz and yet his poems are about that experience. If a novelist is ready to face the darkness, if a poet is ready to face that anguish honestly, and not for cheap, easy reasons, anyone can deal with the subject.

One has the sense in many things you've written that you doubt that the Holocaust is within the grasp of fiction.

Unfortunately, part of our tragedy is that it will not be known. Even if all of us who were there and who were not there did nothing else for our entire lives but write about it, still the story would not be told. The moment it is said, it isn't; the moment it is offered, it is withdrawn. The only language may be a mystical language, and that language is a language shrouded in silence. Will it ever be told?

I have probably read all the books that have come out on the subject. I am fascinated by these books. I always hope I will discover something else, something more, so I read history, I read philosophy, I read documents, I read fiction, everything. I do not know more, I know less.

What do you feel about a novel like Sophie's Choice?

I would not single out any novel, because I know Styron. I have met him a few times, and I respect his craft; I respect his literary skill, and in a way I applaud his effort. Personally, of course, I must say, as I have written in the Times, that I do not recognize myself in films such as Sophie's Choice, but that may be my fault, not his.

Nobody should fault him for his intention to write a novel like Sophie's Choice. Why shouldn't he? He is a writer who lives in his time, and he wants to deal with contemporary issues, and what issue is greater or more urgent than that one? Now, whether it succeeded as a novel, maybe the answer is yes. But because he succeeded, in a way he may have failed. Because a novel about Auschwitz is either not a novel or it is not about Auschwitz.

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Sophie's Choice was an astonishing and overwhelming success in every sense. How do you account for that? William Styron —

I'm not really sure. I think certain books seem to coincide with the zeitgeist, with the spirit of the time. And I think that, at the simplest level, Sophie's Choice coincided with a deep and troubled interest in the Nazi period and the Holocaust.

In certain ways, ever since World War Two, we have been thinking about the Nazis and the camps and the Holocaust in general, but I think it came to a crescendo in the late 1970s, when my book was published. The book appeared, after all, only a year after that sensational and not terribly good television program, Holocaust. In the years preceding the late 1970s there just was not enough general consciousness of what had gone on. Finally the accretion of fact, and the sense of the horror, just grew and grew.

Is that what happened to you as a novelist? Is that what propelled you?

I have been interested in the subject ever since the years right after World War II, when I was in college. The subject fascinated me even then. Although there was not much literature on it then, that changed as time passed. But even then, there was a book, a fascinating book called Five Chimneys, by a woman victim of Auschwitz, a survivor who had been a doctor. It is not a terribly literary book but it is a very skilful and graphic description of Auschwitz. I had it in the back of my mind through the period from World War II until the mid-seventies, when I began to write Sophie's Choice.

Did you read a lot of survivor literature?

I read a certain amount. The odd thing about the Holocaust is that there is a sameness to the accounts, which prevents one from having to read a vast number. There was also a kind of ultimate horror. Once you have absorbed a few of the details, you don't need to absorb a great deal more.

There is a view that says, first, that only survivors should attempt to recreate the Holocaust in literature or film; and second, that any attempt to recreate it necessarily diminishes the event. Were you worried about any of that as you wrote?

No. Of course, I was perfectly aware of the argument in favor of silence, and also the argument that says that anyone who is not a survivor is incapable of rendering the story. I simply don't agree with either of those points of view. I realized I was treading on very delicate ground, and I did not want to rush into it in any haphazard way. I knew there was a risk, but at the same time I balked at the idea that, as horrible as it was, the Holocaust was some sort of sacrosanct area that could not be treated.

I especially balked at the idea that someone who was not there was incapable of dealing with it. If that is true, then it is true for all experience. It would have prevented our greatest Civil War novel from having been written. The Red Badge of Courage was written by Stephen Crane, a man who was never within a hundred miles of a battlefield, and yet it remains our most powerful document about the combat side of civil war.

Opinion

German firms falling into Arab clutches

Suspicions, problems feared for Kohl visit to Israel

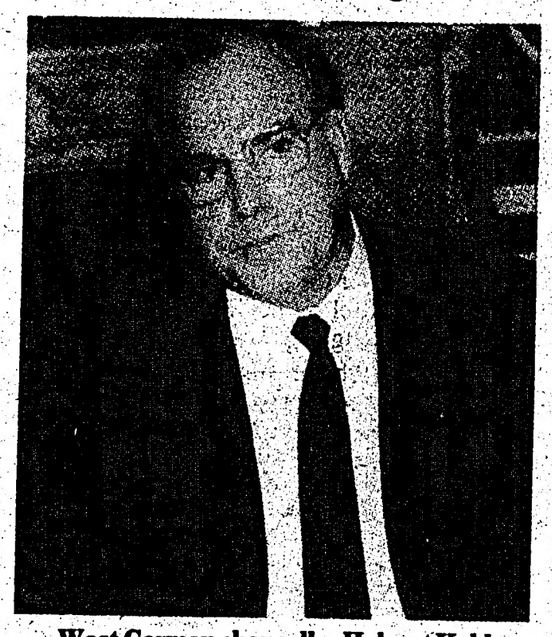
By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

Toward the end of January Helmut Kohl, chancellor of West Germany, will pay a formal state visit to Israel. He is the second German head of state to do so, the first being Willy Brandt in 1973. Konrad Adenauer and Ludwig Erhard were not in office when they came to Israel.

Kohl's visit had originally been scheduled for last August but was postponed at the last moment when Menachem Begin resigned. There are some observers here who believe that the proposed visit was the last straw, on top of everything else, which impelled Begin to resign. He could not see himself shaking hands with the German chancellor, and listening to an Israel military band playing the German anthem.

Though his attitude toward Germany had been proper throughout his term of office, many here still recall that Begin and his colleagues had in January, 1952, taken to the streets and literally besieged the Knesset in a vain attempt to stave off approval of the reparations agreement. Two years ago he had, in an intemperate moment, accused Kohl's predecessor, Helmut Schmidt, of arrogance and impertinence, against a



West German chancellor Helmut Kohl.

background of what appeared to be a German swing toward the Arabs and away from Israel.

Helmut Kohl will now be received by a new Premier in Israel.

No matter what the official agenda, the atmosphere will be thick with issues, problems, suspicions and fears. Kohl has acknowledged that he will be traveling with very heavy luggage: "Each of us has modern German history in his baggage."

What is apt to be on the agenda?

There will undoubtedly be a frank confrontation on the negotiations between Germany and Saudi Arabia for the sale of several hundred German Leopard tanks to the desert kingdom. These offensive weapons can some day show up in Israel's borders.

Israel is also concerned by growing Arab influence within Germany. It is claimed that Kuwait has bought a 10% interest in the Volkswagen company and already has substantial holdings in Germany's third largest bank, the Comerzbank. Other major German firms said to be falling into Arab financial clutches are Siemens, Thyssen, Bayer and other large banks. The world's third largest maker of construction machinery, the IBH company of Mainz, records that 18% of its stock is owned by Saudi Arabia.

All these and other names and figures do not constitute a "takeover" but the trend is alarming. Corporate holdings do not have to be dominating to provide far reaching influence. Explanation that the Arabs are looking only for safe and profitable investments for their oil profits, and seeking the technical knowhow of the companies they are involved in, is not convincing. The idea of thousands of tentacles of an Arab financial octopus slowly but gradually encircling key industries is not a pleasant one.

Arab attempts to penetrate Germany on another front, the cultural, have not been so successful. In April, 1983, the German Oriental Institute played host at Hamburg to a dialogue with Arab scholars and diplomats. In this case, the Arab presentation did not confine itself to promoting cultural relations with Europe, but embarked on a vicious attack against Israel. Because they overshot the mark, the Arabs failed and the meeting was marked off as a failure. They will try again.

There is one aspect of Germany's role in the Middle East which is almost unknown abroad. Islam constitutes the second largest religion in Germany, after Christianity. Moslem mosques are everywhere becoming a feature of the landscape to cater to the religious needs of more than a million and a half Moslems who today live there. One indication of this influence is to be found in the fact that in recent years some 1,500 German Christians have converted to Islam.

Helmut Kohl and Yitzhak Shamir and their entourage will certainly have much to talk about.

Lack of faith in our culture

Contempt for human beings sure road to tragedy

By
BERNARD BASKIN

As we face another year we are confronted by some axial questions. Do we have the ability to meet the unprecedented problems of our society? Can we overcome the complex difficulties of our time? Can we still have faith in human nature?

How easy it is to answer these questions in the negative. In two generations or so, we have been shocked by world wars with the loss of innumerable lives and unparalleled devastation. We have seen both Auschwitz and Hiroshima.

But nationalism is now more widespread than ever before. The two superpowers are spending untold billions of dollars for increasingly destructive weapons. Small, but dangerous conflicts rage in many places around the globe. Violence and murder are worldwide phenomena. Our economic system is in serious disarray and we are no longer sure about such once sacrosanct values as the sanctity of the family and the major goals of education.

This lack of faith in our culture is coupled with a growing cynicism about man's nature. It seems that all idols now have feet of clay. The prevailing sentiment is that there are no honest politicians or businessmen or labor leaders.

It is difficult to prove oneself innocent before the cynical bar of public opinion. In the language of our time, every man has a racket. The basic reaction to an act of goodness or altruism is "what's his angle?" or, "what's the gimmick?"

There are tragic implications in this pervasive mood of cynicism. It is the very foundation upon which fascism and Communism are based. If man hasn't the capacity to solve his own problems to meet his own needs, then there will be a ready leader, a shining knight on a white horse who will do it for him.

A free society rests on the premise that man is able to deal effectively with his problems. To put it bluntly — if we have lost our faith in human growth and potential then all talk about freedom and democracy become hollow rhetoric.

Why do we have the propensity to judge the whole of life by the worst part of it?

Why do we pick out an example of shameless wickedness and conclude that all people are like that?

Why do we learn about unhappy homes and rush to the conclusion that all homes are similar?

Actually, we all know families who live satisfactory and even full lives. But the few broken homes become our standard. A few dishonest lawyers blot out the overwhelming number of those who conduct their affairs with honor. A few corrupt politicians are enough to rob us of our faith in honest political life.

There is much in our culture that aggravates this dangerous game of degrading and derogating man. There are purblind psychologists who insist that man is essentially an animal whose seeming culture is a veneer. "Scratch a Russian," they say, "and you will find a Tartar." Remove the thin covering of civilization from any of us and you will find the ape.

Unhappily, this has become a favorite theme of many of our creative novelists, playwrights and poets.

Moreover, there is an entire school of theology which intensifies the lack of faith in man. It holds that innately and incurable sinful from birth, man can be redeemed only by God's grace. For man to think of himself as having the capacity to resolve his manifold dilemmas is pride . . . and pride is man's most grievous sin. Here, too the emphasis is on man's sinfulness, and not upon his potential capacities for growth.

The fallacy in this negative and pessimistic approach lies in our rigid concept of human nature. We have fallen for the easy legend that "human nature is human nature." We blind ourselves to the obvious fact that man does have a capacity for improvement and alteration.

On my last trip to Israel I visited Boys Town. Here, several hundred boys had been brought together from problem homes, or who had been involved in difficulties of one kind or another. Most of them are being given a new lease on life and show glowing promise for the future.

I read recently about an idealist in Boston who devotes much of his time and fortune in taking men out of jail and off the streets. By giving them a new lease on life, by opening up wider horizons he has changed many lives.

The truth is that we are born with tendencies towards good and evil. Each of us is a battleground of conflicting forces in which the yetzer hatov, the good urge, and yetzer hara, the evil urge, are at constant war. Neither sinner nor angel, Judaism teaches that man is born free to make the essential and necessary choices.

Modern science supports this view. Psychology insists that attitudes and emotions can be altered. Biology reveals that by improving man's glandular health, his moods and feelings can be rendered more sanguine. Anthropology is discovering that if we change the cultural environment, we can substantially change man's behavior.

Contempt for human beings is the sure road to tragedy. A failure of nerve can only lead from freedom to slavery. Either we emphasize man's evil tendency, or his potential for good. He has both! Love, learning, patience and faith are guideposts on the road to a more mature and secure humanity. In this crucial hour, in the new year, we must not lose faith in human beings.

Christianity can be partner of Judaism

TORONTO —

In a sermon delivered at Sabbath morning services on Dec. 24 — the day before Christmas — **RABBI DOW MARMUR**, senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, called on Christians and Jews alike to acknowledge and even celebrate their differences in "the new mood of Jewish-Christian cooperation."

While acknowledging that "had there been no secularization, we would not have been here today as free citizens in an open society," Marmur told his congregation that Jews and Christians together must preserve the religious dimension in contemporary life.

Excerpts from his sermon follow:

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This then, is the dilemma in which we find ourselves. If we condemn secularity we may endorse medieval obscurantism; if we condone it, we may contribute to our own annihilation. As Jews we cannot ally ourselves with forces that wish to curb individual freedom in the interest of religious conformity. But neither can we tolerate the absence of the religious dimension in contemporary life, for that, too would threaten our existence as Jews.

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We now beg our Christian friends to remember their religious heritage, for we know that, under their influence, many Jews might be more inclined to act in accordance with Jewish teachings. Spirituality breeds spirituality to a much greater extent than it creates religious rivalry. Materialism breeds materialism and accelerates the rat race. If we want to compete with each other, let us outdo each other in piety, not in vulgarity. We need the Christian majority to show an example and take the lead.

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The secularization of Christmas, so characteristic of our age, has tended to blur the differences between Judaism and Christianity to the detriment of both and only in the interest of shopkeepers. It is time we cooperated with our Christian friends to re-establish proper boundaries in order to articulate the real differences.

This is the new mood of Jewish-Christian cooperation. By working together in stressing our **religious** foundations — and thus our differences — we are helping each other to be true to ourselves. Being different is for us not being hostile, but being authentic. Disintegrating in the mass of secularist conformity is also a way of denying our true identity. whereas in the past differences lead to hostility, the sobering experience of 200 years of post-Enlightenment America and Europe has made us recognize in these differences an opportunity for cooperation and for affirmation of our respective traditions.

We Jews find it easy to cope with the paradox of stressing differences as a means of affirming authenticity and unity. For we only claim that Judaism is the best religion for **Jews.** We know that paganism is evil and see Christianity as an alternative to it.

Without wishing to be patronizing, Jewish teachers have always put Christianity in an entirely different category than paganism. Our teachers, even in the times of Christian persecutions, did not regard Christianity as idolatry. They had no quarrel with Christianity, only with Christians who, out of alleged love of God, killed Jews.

Once anti-semitism is removed from Christianity — and that is the endeavor of a large number of true Christians today, whom we salute and whom we encourage — it can become a partner of Judaism in the face of the real enemy: the near-paganism that turns Christmas into a shopping spree and Yom Kippur into a dressing-up parade. Such partnership based on equality, on mutual recognition, is now within reach of both Judaism and Christianity.

Our good wishes to our Christian friends have, therefore, deep theological significance. They include a prayer that Christmas for them may be a truly Christian celebration. We yearn to join them in the endeavors to unmask secularism for what it is: paganism, not in stone and wood but in technology and mass production. We desire to help them to replace vulgar consumerism with serenity and true celebration.

We wish our Christian friends the strength to bridge the gap between the message of poverty and simplicity contained in the Christmas story and the manifestation of affluence and vulgarity reflected in so many of contemporary Christmas celebrations.

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In wishing them success, and offering them our support and blessings . . . we speak as free men and women to free men and women in order to preserve that freedom in the face of the threat of destruction and erosion brought about by the secular world . . . Let us make use of our freedom to avert the danger; let us walk in step as equals to come closer to the Promised Land!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English, brief [no more than 250 words], typewritten [double spaced, please], free of libel, and of interest to our reading public. We reserve the right to edit letters.

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DOUBTS UKRAINIAN AMITY

When I joined Toronto's Reform Temple Zion nine years ago, I attended next week my first meeting of its action committee. Someone informed us then that the Ukrainians wanted to "join forces to combat Soviet oppression."

There was no mention of Ukrainian anti-semitism before the war, in Europe, or since the war, both in Europe and in our own country. There was a brief glossing over the hand-in-glove efforts of Ukrainians during the war, in assisting the Nazis.

That Ukrainian plea to "join forces" was then ignored. But now they're at it again. There's the same silence on recent and local Ukrainian anti-semitism. They even ignore the interviews held with Ukrainian farmers in Eckville, Alberta who support James Keegstra's claim that the Holocaust was a myth.

If Ukrainian Canadians divest themselves of that part of their heritage which is the well spring of their hatred for Jews, perhaps in two or three generations we can talk of cooperation. Until that far distant day, we must remain sceptical of all calls for cooperation from people who refuse even to acknowledge their recent acts of anti-semitism.

Ray Havelock
Toronto

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SHE LOVED YENTL

I'd like to congratulate The CJN for publishing Frank Rasky's moving review of Yentl on your Nov. 24 front page. It moved me to share this lovely, sensitive and enthralling movie experience.

Barbra Streisand's motion picture is a first in its positive portrayal of the experience of a Jewish woman. Yentl is relevant to current developments in Judaism, what with the advent of women becoming rabbis in increasing numbers and taking on leadership positions in the Jewish community around the world.

Yentl, like no other movie before it, gives us a beautiful portrayal of Yiddishkeit values.

Fay Stolberg
Toronto

HE DIFFERS WITH RABBI GOLDSTEIN

I read with interest the Dec. 15 comments of Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, assistant spiritual leader of Holy Blossom Temple, headed "Rabbi says Judaism must bend with the times."

Rabbi Goldstein stressed that "Jewish laws must be changed in order to be congruent with the times." She cited several precedents, such as the amendment to abolish polygamy and the amendment which enables women to hear the Megillah on Purim.

The rabbi would also like to see similar changes in Jewish divorce law. She feels that the laws of the "get" pose a particular problem in Israel, where men die on the battlefield, leaving their wives married forever.

When asked to comment upon the controversy regarding women rabbis, she said, "I would rather express my qualifications in terms of Talmud or the Mideast."

I would like to raise the following points:

- The laws of Megillah reading were never amended to include women. The Talmud itself requires women to hear the Megillah, just like men (Megillah 4a).
- A woman whose husband dies, whether on the battlefield or not, is no longer married to him. Anyone who has studied the Bible knows this fact (Deuteronomy 20:7; 24:3).
- Although the rabbis are empowered to strengthen the Torah laws, they have no right to allow permanently that which is prohibited by the Torah (Yevamot 90b). The abolition of polygamy is an instance where the rabbis prohibited that which is permitted, in order to preserve the sanctity of the Jewish marriage. This is quite different than Rabbi Goldstein's desire to amend Jewish divorce laws.

Eli Mandel
Toronto

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UNFAIR TO LAMBASTE EGYPT

I fail to understand the reasoning used by the likes of Paula Feigelsohn ("She'll never visit Egypt," Dec. 22) in deciding never to visit Egypt.

Her rationalization is that the Egyptians signed the peace treaty simply because they knew they "could not afford another war" and because the Israelis are "capable of knocking the hell out of anyone they come up against." She also points out that the Egyptian government has no ambassador in Israel and is not amicable to Israel or her issues.

First of all, let me make clear that Egypt did, in fact, appoint an ambassador to Israel as one of the results of the Camp David Accord. The ambassador was pulled out as a protest to the Shatila and Sabra massacres in Lebanon. Whether or not this form of protest was justifiable, it was clear that the Egyptian government was reacting to an incident and not the Israeli government per se.

Secondly, as for the claim that Egypt is not amicable to Israel or her issues, just what exactly does Feigelsohn expect? Egypt is beset by enough of her own problems, without having to worry about the myriad problems that Israel faces. The fact that they haven't fired a single shot at an Israeli soldier since ratification of the peace treaty is amicability enough for me.

Lastly, as one who has gone to Egypt and remains a devoted Zionist, I must adduce my own insight. It seems to me that most of the Egyptian populace bears no more animosity towards Israel than the rest of the Western world. This fact is quite remarkable, when you consider that very few families have been left untouched by the years of Egypt-Israel conflicts.

Feigelsohn writes that going to Egypt is "proof that we are more forgiving than our enemies." If she were to meet and talk with some of these so-called "enemies," she might find out just who is more forgiving.

John Bayer
Canadian Federation of
Students-Services
Toronto

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FRIEDMAN REMAINS HAPPY

I want to thank you for the feature article devoted to me in the Dec. 15 issue ("JVS job keeps Friedman happy for 35 years").

Please convey my appreciation to Carolyn Blackman for her neatly crafted account of our interview.

Milton Friedman
Executive director
Jewish Vocational Services
of Metropolitan Toronto
Toronto

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HE REVILES REDS' RED TAPE

As a 90-year-old member of the golden age club here in Montreal, I'd like to put in my two cents' worth about the remarks made by a speaker at our club the other day.

He told us how in the Soviet Union today any Jew must fill in an application and go through a lot of red tape before being able to celebrate religious services. Therefore a siddur, tefillen and a tallis are kept under the bed or in the cellar. It has become a shamefully hard struggle to remain a Jew in Russia.

I think it's intolerable that Jews today must sing and dance before the czar as they were forced to in the 18th and 19th centuries. We Jews must demonstrate in the streets against such atrocities of red tape.

Mellech Schiff
Montreal

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WE WERE RIGHT ON GERECHT

Re Sam Hershenson's Dec. 22 letter ("Twice we're nisht gerecht"), may I point out that the statement in your article of Dec. 8, that David Harduf's English/Yiddish Dictionary "is the first and only in the over 100-year history of Yiddish lexicography, in soft cover, pocketbook size edition" is correct.

This is also reflected in its retail price, $5, which makes it affordable to the average student.

Hershenson is right in stating that Uriel Weinreich's opus has been published in a paperback edition. However, it was **not** published in a pocketbook size edition, as Mr. Harduf's dictionary.

S. Simchovitch
Toronto

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HE CALLS US LUKEWARM COWARDS

I am a lifelong Zionist in my 80s. Beginning in 1932, I have traversed the length and breadth of Israel on horseback, by jeep, and on foot.

Therefore I know whereof I speak when I refute lukewarm newspapermen here who speak critically of Israelis being unable to contend with rising costs.

Don't hack a chinek about Israel's rate of inflation. Right here in Canada, inflation is far more out of proportion than it is in the young and beleaguered State of Israel.

Let me quote examples. When I moved to Canada in June, 1973, a quart of milk cost 21 cents; it's now $1.05.

A Sabbath challah, which cost 24 cents then, is now $1.90. Gasoline, which was 32 cents a gallon, is now $2.05.

When you cowardly scribes print such exaggerated reports about poor weak little Israel, you are actually drinking the water that you just washed your feet in.

Archie Kinberg
Hamilton

Important but difficult to find optimistic answers

Uncle Eliezer's thoughts about Israel unsettling

By
J. B. SALSBERG

There are times when no man, not even as loquacious a man as my good uncle Eliezer, wishes to discuss some particularly disturbing thoughts with others.

At such times one agonizes in self-imposed silence in the hope that upcoming events will, somehow, remove the ominous shadows that disturbs one's peace of mind. Another reason for suppressing one's thoughts is the determination not to contribute to the pessimistic moods that embrace some numbers in our ranks.

J. B. Salsberg

In his present mood my good uncle did not even share his thoughts with his Thursday night shvitz buddies, a group that always shared his thoughts and concerns. No . . . he didn't even discuss his worrisome thoughts with Mendle, his closest and most trusted of all his friends. But he evidently felt that he must share his worries with someone and, not surprisingly, he chose his favorite nephew — your favorite scribe — from whom he has no secrets.

Thus it happened last week that after his visit in the company of Mendle, he phoned me as soon as he got home and in an unusually serious manner asked for an appointment with me "inter fier oigen" to discuss some matters that worry him. I agreed, of course, to meet him the following evening and meet we did until the wee hours of the morning.

So what was it that so worried my uncle? It was almost everything that emanates from the worldwide Jewish condition at the beginning of this fateful year. Crucial, in his consideration, is the mounting crisis that surrounds Israel and that penetrates the very core of Israel's economic, social and political life and its future.

This then, as my uncle sees it, is the picture that emerges at this moment:

The objectives of the Begin-Sharon-Shamir government in the Lebanon war was the removal of the PLO threat to Israel's northern communities and to secure Israel's independence generally. The costs, in life and treasure, were enormous but, somehow, the victory brought neither security nor the dissipation of the menacing enemy. That Israel's military strength is an essential requirement for the Jewish state's very existence, goes without saying. But whether Israel's fundamental needs can be achieved militarily rather than politically must, after the recent experiences, be examined anew at all Jewish and Israeli levels.

Israel's economy, according to uncle Eliezer, is in crisis — partly because of the cost of the last war and partly due to a politically-motivated taxation policy of the government for the last number of years.

Israel has achieved the dubious honor of being the country with the highest inflation rate: 200% and rising. Living costs are soaring and in its wake comes labor unrest and strikes of government employees that impede the normal functioning of the state.

As for Israel's present government, it seems to be in double jeopardy; it is a prisoner of its own maximalist program and is, at the same time, a prisoner of its miniscule coalition partners who, regardless of objective portends, are determined to scuttle the government if their peculiar addictions are not satisfied.

"Loyal allies" dependable as the weather

Regarding Israel's "loyal allies," they are, in my uncle's mind, as dependable as the weather. Each such ally thinks, of course, of his own interests first. It would be dangerous daydreaming to think otherwise. Uncle Eliezer says that he can see a Washington-Cairo-Amman-PLO axis being formed that can hardly be expected to bring peace and friendship to Israel.

It is such troubling events that rob my uncle of sleep. "I keep these observations to myself," he says soberly, "because I don't want to spread defeatism or pessimism in our ranks."

After a pause he added: "Nor am I unmindful of the unfortunate communal rifts that tend to divide the Israeli population even at this critical hour — rifts blown up by fanatical elements in the religious and the Sephardic-Ashkenazic communities."

As you can see, my uncle is troubled and chiefly over the future of Israel. To please me he concentrated his saddened eyes upon me and said: "I agree with your often-expressed opinion that Israel may be our last chance to survive as a people, as a national entity, and it is, therefore, maddeningly frightful to think that this last chance may be undermined and threatened."

He paused and neither of us uttered a word for some time. It wasn't easy for me to dismiss his fears, for I am not entirely free of some elements of his fears. But I couldn't deny him some consolation, so I tried to ease his concern by suggesting that he is magnifying Israel's difficulties and dangers. I reminded him of Ben-Gurion's statement that a Jew who doesn't believe in miracles is not a realist.

But he only smiled sardonically at such efforts to console him.

We parted that evening with forced smiles and with an agreement to continue our effort to find optimistic answers to his disturbing questions. When we reach that desired stage, you, my sympathetic readers, will be the first ones to know about it.

World-National

Refusenik apartment meetings banned in Moscow

Annual Soviet science parley held in Stockholm

By
NORM GUTHARZ

STOCKHOLM — The sixth in a series of annual conference organized by Refusenik scientists in Soviet Russia was held here in December because there was no place to hold it in Russia. Previous sessions were held in the Moscow apartments of the scientists.

About 100 attended this year's International Conference on Collective Phenomena and the honored — but absent guests — were four Jewish Soviet scientists who have been denied permission to emigrate.

The conference was held in Stockholm "because we felt it was impossible to hold it in Moscow," said Prof. Inga Fischer-Hjalmars of Stockholm University, chairman of the conference committee.

As to whether the conference could resume in Moscow next year, Fischer-Hjalmars said: "If the political situation would change, maybe then . . . but we don't see any chance of that.

"The final goal is that everybody who wants to go should be free to emigrate."

Four conferences were held in Moscow, while the fifth, to have been held in 1981, was cancelled because of KGB threats to arrest its organizers.

Scientists honored here — and who, thought they are unable to attend, presented papers to the conference — were:

• Prof. Yaakov Alpert, 72, doctor of physical and mathematical sciences. He applied for an exit visa in 1975 and was threatened with arrest if he allowed the fifth Conference on Collective Phenomena to take place.

• Victor Brailovsky, 48, applied mathematician. He applied for permission to emigrate in October, 1972 and, after initially being turned down, was granted it in November, 1976. He refused to leave, however, because his wife Irena, a 47-year-old mathematician, was not given permission to leave.

• Alexander Lerner, 70, cyberneticist. He applied for an exit visa in October, 1971. His wife Judith, a historian, died in 1981 at the age of 65.

• Naum Meiman, 72, mathematician. He applied for an exit visa in 1974. His daughter was given permission to emigrate in 1977 so that now he is without family in Moscow. He has been chronically ill for 30 years, but the clinic where he had long been treated now refuses to take him.

Fischer-Hjalmars said that she and other organizers of the conference had been in touch with Alpert by telephone after the conference here. He told them that he had heard a report about the conference on Radio Sweden's Russian service.

Among those participating in the conference — which included scientists from the U.S., Britain, France, Israel, Sweden, Norway and Denmark — were three former Refusenik scientists now in Israel: Grigory Freiman, Alexander Luntz and Alexander Voronel, who started the conference on collective phenomena in 1974.

The kremlin's policy of keeping Jewish scientists who apply for exit visas out of conferences, laboratories and scientific journals never succeeded at totaly deactivating the scientists, according to organizations working on their behalf.

Voronel started organizing Sunday seminars in his apartment in 1972 and attracted increasing numbers of scientists — not only Jews and not only Refuseniks — who were impressed by the open, non-political nature of the presentations and the discussions. Unofficial seminars were started elsewhere by other Refusenik scientists, inspired by Voronel's example.

Foreign scientists soon began attending the various apartment seminars, particularly after one international conference in 1973 from which three Refuseniks were barred from presenting papers, according to British groups which helped organize the Stockholm conference. Forty scientists went to Voronel's apartment to listen to the presentations there.

Soon the Refuseniks decided to organize a special international conference for the Western scientists, who would make a point of attending the unofficial seminars whenever they were in Moscow for the official ones.

In spite of arrests, home detention, searches and threats by the KGB, the meetings continued. However, with the arrest of Brailovsky — who had taken over the leadership of the unofficial seminars from Voronel and Mark Azbel after they received permission to emigrate — the meetings came to an abrupt halt.

Freiman, who left the Soviet Union last year — three years after applying for an exit visa — and who is now teaching at Tel Aviv University, said the years of waiting to leave "were among the most happy years of my life . . . I was among friends. Sure it was difficult."

Speaking before more than 500 persons at a solidarity meeting for Soviet Jews in Stockholm's Great Synagogue Dec. 1, Freiman explained that the community of Refuseniks was a closed society in which close friendships developed.

He stressed the need for continued protest against the Soviet Union's treatment of Jews and added that many people in the West are active in the fight.

"There were many people at Brailovsky's seminars. There are people I see here who visited my apartment in Moscow," he said. "I'm touched by their presence."

Thousands poised to strike

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with problems that they receive daily.

The country's 4,500 postal workers were awaiting the outcome of a meeting before deciding whether to call a general strike that could stop mail deliveries and shut down post offices.

The 3,000 employees at the agricultural ministry have frozen payments to farmers, suspended veterinary services and have stopped issuing import and export licenses for agricultural products.

About 3,000 transport ministry workers were threatening to halt work. That would mean suspension of the issuance of vehicle licenses and other services. At the ministry of commerce and industry, some 2,000 employees are threatening a job action on Tuesday.

The Engineers Association has given notice that its 28,000 members will go on strike Jan. 22. Employees of the government - run Electric Core, have refused to accept payment of bills and will not answer queries from the public.

The problems at the foreign ministry, which seem to be solved for the time being, stemmed from a long standing demand by staff employees that their pay be equalized with the pay of Mossad, the intelligence service. The ministry staff contends that they do much the same type of work, possess the same qualifications and face the same kind of hazards as Mossad agents, especially on overseas assignments.

Their job action over the past week proved a severe embarrassment. Foreign diplomats were not granted admission to the ministry. Premier Yitzhak Shamir, who holds the foreign ministry portfolio and normally works out of that ministry on Thursdays, was forced to receive visitors at the Prime Minister's office.

One of them was British MP Greville Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who was told politely that he could not enter the ministry for an appointment with Shamir.

The foreign ministry staff had threatened to paralyze Israel's entire diplomatic establishment before the end of the month unless it received recognition, though the staffers are willing to hold their pay raise demands in abeyance due to the state of the economy.

The recognition was forthcoming in the letter from Natan Friday to staff committee chairman Shmuel Moyal. Natan promised that once the national economy has been stabilized "serious negotiations" would begin to translate "recognition into tangible compensation and improved work conditions.

Moyal conceded that the commissioner's letter was "not much" but it was still "something of a breakthrough" that warranted a return to normal.

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Living Nightmare

AUTISTIC, ANOREXIC CHILD NEEDS HELP

Time is running out for little Miriam Kuzecki. At 3½, she has been diagnosed as both autistic and anorexic, a combination doctors all over North America and Europe say they have never seen before.

Since she was three months old, Miriam has had to be fed a special formula through a permanently installed tube in order to stay alive.

"Now doctors tell us that the tube is destroying her stomach and will have to be removed," said her father, Gershon, a schoolteacher. "We are desperate."

For several months, Gershon and his wife, Paula, have been raising money so that Miriam can receive the $15,000-a-month treatment they believe is their last hope.

"After we had exhausted every other avenue of medical treatment," Gershon said, "my wife read about a Sheffield, Mass. treatment centre that has had phenomenal success with autistic children."

Together, the husband and wife team of Barry and Susan Kaufman run Option Centre. When they found out that their son was autistic, they dropped everything to work 16 hours a day, seven days a week with him. They used positive thinking and behavior modification techniques. Now, three years later, his autism is completely eradicated. Barry's book, **Son-Rise**, described the Kaufmans' struggle and breakthrough. Their treatment methods have become the Kuzeckis' last hope.

Miraculously, Paula and Gershon have managed to raise the money for three months of treatment at Option Centre for Miriam. Most of it reflects the generosity of the Jewish community in Cleveland, where the Kuzeckis live.

Miriam entered the centre two-and-a-half months ago. Since then she has started eating on her own. The tube, which cannot remain much longer anyway, is used far less to feed her now. "They've been able to cut down the tube feedings by 50%," Paula said. "But it's a race with time. The doctors have to get Miriam to the point where she'll eat enough on her own to nourish herself before the tube destroys her stomach. It's a crisis situation."

But the Kuzeckis now have hope where they had none before. Since Miriam has been at Option Centre, she has learned 15 words. "She never spoke before," Gershon said. "She just stared blankly into space, sometimes crying and hallucinating the way autistic children do. But now there are signs that Miriam is beginning to make contact with the world the rest of us live in. The signs are small, but they are definitely there."

"The Kaufmans feel very confident they can cure Miriam's autism and anorexia," Paula said. "They give us a lot of hope."

Fifteen thousand dollars a month. On a schoolteacher's salary, it's impossible. But for three months, the Kuzeckis have managed to raise the money — because people cared.

Please give little Miriam a chance for life. Every contribution counts, and they all add up. Tax-deductible receipts will be issued. Cheques should be made payable to "The Miriam Fund," c/o Congregation Beth Joseph, 44 Edinburgh Drive, downsview, Ont. M3H 1B4.

Fighting continues as peace plan sought

Israel committed to Lebanon until Syria leaves

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Israel, describing the raid as "surgical," said the targets belonged to pro-Iranian Shiites who planned and carried out bombings against U.S., French and Israeli installations since October. A spokesman said the Israeli jets did not hit civilian buildings, and returned safely.

However, Beirut radio said a school and a mosque were destroyed, with a loss of life of 100. The Red Cross said about 40 people, mainly civilians, were killed.

No sooner had the planes struck than Israeli patrols in southern Lebanon were attacked by gunmen, probably members of an organization called Islamic Amal, which has claimed credit for 80% of the guerrilla raids. These assaults, now practically a daily occurrence, have taken the lives of some 40 Israelis since September.

Israel denied it was thinking of withdrawing further south to the Zahrani River in a bid to reduce the toll on its army, but reports came in that the Israelis were thinning out their forces in Tyre and Sidon, two centres of anti-Israeli activity.

To counter news accounts that Israel no longer linked its withdrawal from Lebanon to that of Syria, Yitzhak Shamir reiterated his position that Israel remained bound to last year's May 17 accord — which requires a simultaneous Israeli, Syrian and PLO evacuation of Lebanese territory.

Shamir made this statement after meeting Donald Rumsfield, President Reagan's Middle East emissary, and Senators John Tower and John Warner, who were on a fact-finding mission.

Israel and Syria are said to have agreed to a Lebanese plan that would enable the Lebanese authorities to extend its control of areas not occupied by any of their armies, and permit Israel to withdraw gradually. But implementation seemed far off. Walid Jumblatt, the pro-Syrian Druze leader, appeared to be balking. To make matters worse, Druze and Shiite militias fought skirmishes with the Lebanese army. In Beirut, one more U.S. Marine was killed when he was shot by an unidentified assailant.

Jesse Jackson, the Democratic Party candidate for the presidency, succeeded in getting naval pilot Robert Goodman out of captivity — prompting the U.S. to call on Syria to help bring "greater stability" to Lebanon and a withdrawal of all foreign troops.

Reagan expressed a willingness to hold talks with Hafez Assad, but Reagan's spokesman said U.S. reconnaissance flights over Lebanon would continue despite a Syrian statement which voiced hope for an end to American military involvement in that country.

50,000 may leave

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Deputy minister in charge of preventing yerida, Dov Shilansky, warned recently that in the coming year, there may be as many as 50,000 Yordim, a record number of Israelis, leaving the country.

Interviewed by the Voice of Israel, Shilansky said the government should immediately take drastic measures to stop this trend.

If such steps are not taken, he warned, the number of emigrants may reach as many as 100,000.

Shilansky complained that the Treasury rejected a bill he proposed which would have given army veterans considerable economic benefits, to ease their integration into civilian life.

Plan pilgrimage to Auschwitz

NEW YORK [JTA] — A pilgrimage of remembrance to Belsen, Auschwitz and Israel is planned for 1985 by the World Federation of Bergen Belsen Associations, in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of liberation of the Nazi death camps.

In announcing the plans, Sam E. Bloch, the newly-elected president of the federation, pointed out the main highlights of the pilgrimage, including memorial services at the site of the former Bergen-Belsen concentration camp with its numerous mass graves, yizkor services at Auschwitz - Birkenau, Treblinka, and the Warsaw Ghetto monuments.

A special program of remembrance will take place in Jerusalem at the Belsen monument on Mt. Zion and at Yad Vashem. On this occasion, the Josef Rosensaft archival collection will be formally dedicated at Yad Vashem, in memory of the founder and lifelong leader of the Belsen survivors.

The observances will conclude with a reunion of the Belsen survivors from Israel and the participants from overseas at Beth Hatefutsoth — the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv.

Arabs equal citizens: Shamir

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir declared last week that Israel's 600,000 Arabs are equal citizens of the state. But he acknowledged they have special problems and promised to do his best to find solutions.

He gave that assurance to a delegation of Israeli Arab leaders here — the first meeting of its kind ever held by the leader of the Likud government.

The 27-member delegation included 15 mayors of Arab towns, religious, educational and social leaders. There were members of the Democratic Front which is affiliated with the Rakah (Communist) Party.

Shamir's visitors raised the issue of Arab-Jewish co-existence and complained of feeling neglected and of unequal treatment by the government in the area of social services, particularly child care allowance education and business incentives.

"There is no incentive for industry to set up in our towns. That is what I told the Prime Minister," said Mayor Samir Darwish of Baka el-Garbia, a spokesman for the group.

The unequal treatment stems in part from Israel's practice of providing extra assistance and incentives for veterans of military service. Israel's Arab population, with few exceptions, is not permitted to serve in the armed forces.

Shamir's visitors proposed alternative forms of national service for Israeli Arabs on a voluntary basis.

Darwish expressed satisfaction that Shamir "is going to do something about our problems." He contrasted the Prime Minister's attitude with that of his predecessor, former Premier Menachem Begin, who, he said never visited an Arab village nor held a dialogue with local Arab leaders during his six years in office.

Shamir, for his part, suggested that Arab leaders take a more vigorous stand against terrorism. He said the Israeli police are pursuing extremists on both sides — Jewish as well as Arab.

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Shachar chapter of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO presents a fund raising auction and dance on Saturday, Jan. 14 at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. Preview is at 7 p.m., auction at 8.

The dance will feature the **Rick Levine Band** and a sumptuous sweet table. Cost is $30 per couple, of which $15 is tax deductible.

Call **Vivien** at 225-7724, **Pam**, 493-2490 or **Helene**, 493-7877 immediately while tickets last.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF

Interpreted Shabbat evening services for the deaf and hard of hearing continue monthly at 8.30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. The next service is Jan. 20, and anyone who is deaf or hard of hearing is invited to attend.

To inquire further call 789-3291, or TTY/789-5838.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale invites pregnant and nursing mothers to a discussion on The Advantage of Breastfeeding to Mother and Baby. The meeting is 8.15 p.m., Monday, Jan. 16 at 464 Patricia Ave. (east off Bathurst, two stoplights north of Finch). Babies are welcome. Refreshments are kosher.

For further information phone **Elaine**, 663-8003, or **Adrianne**, 665-4120.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

David Peterson MPP, leader of the Opposition in the Ontario legislature, will discuss Fighting the Menace of Hate Literature in Ontario, when he addresses the Beth Sholom Breakfast Club on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 10 a.m.

CBC HOLOCAUST PROGRAM

The concluding program of Art and the Holocaust, Stereo Morning's 5-part enquiry into the handling of the Jewish Holocaust in fiction and the visual arts, will be heard Jan. 13 in the last hour of the show, 9.05-10 a.m., 9.35 in Newfoundland, on CBC Stereo.

There will be interviews with **Elie Wiesel**, author of The Testament and Souls of Fire and Night, and **William Styron**, whose best-seller Sophie's Choice, was made into an award-winning film.

Art Out of Agony, by **Stephen Lewis**, a paperback based on all five programs, will be published this month and may be purchased in major book stores, or through CBC Enterprises for $8.95 plus $1 postage and handling charges. Mail a check or money order payable to CBC Enterprises, Box 500, Station A, Toronto M5W 1E6.

JOSEPH AND THE DREAMCOAT

Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto grade 9 students offer an adaptation of the musical Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat, Sunday, Jan. 22, 2 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 23, 7.30 p.m. at 3630 Bathurst St. Admission is adults $5, students $3. Tickets are available at the door or call 789-2235.

Proceeds will aid the Associated Leslie Building Campaign and United Jewish Appeal.

BETH DAVID ONEG SHABBAT

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd., will hold an Oneg Shabbat service in honor of Shabbat Shira, Friday, Jan. 13 at 8.15 p.m. The induction of new members will also take place that evening. **Rabbi Philip Scheim and Cantor Hesh Mayersdorf** will officiate with synagogue and school choirs participating.

BEGINNERS' SKI GROUP

A beginners' group, ages 18-28, to meet for night or weekend skiing, is now being formed. For details call George, 966-6303 (days) or 783-0412 nights, until 9 o'clock).

CABBAGE PATCH DOLL WINNER

The Reena Foundation is pleased to announce that **Ed Cogan** is the new daddy of its Cabbage Patch doll. His high bid of $500 will be used toward the purchase of a stove for the Reena Cartwright Resource Centre.

B'NAI B'RITH SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

Bathurst Heights executive Lodge, B'nai B'rith, will hold its 24th annual Scholarship Night on Monday, Jan. 16, at Adath Israel Synagogue. This year, 21 scholarships were awarded: 10 to students of North York secondary and junior high schools, one to St. Basil The Great College School, and 10 to students of the Ezra and Kadima Schools and the She'arim Hebrew Day School.

All award winners, their parents, teachers and principals, have been invited to join Lodge members and their wives at this special presentation evening.

Guest speaker will be **Murray Ehrlick**, a past president of B'nai B'rith Canada.

Program chairman is **Morris Baker**, scholarship chairman of Bathurst Heights Executive Lodge, who inaugurated the scholarship program 24 years ago.

PIONEER WOMEN'S MEETING

Shoshana Chapter of Pioneer Women Na'amat will meet 8 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 373 Mullen Dr. Thornhill. Following the meeting, there will be a presentation of Linda Lovelace lingerie. For more information call **Jackie**, 889-0543, or the Pioneer Women office, 636-5425. New members are welcome.

ISRAEL PROGRAMS BAGEL BRUNCH

A Sunday Bagel Brunch to explain about Israel Summer Programs, Their Value and Variety, is planned for 11 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, at the Israel Youth Program Centre, 1000 Finch Ave. W., suite 117.

All parents of teen-agers 15 and older are welcome to attend and receive information on some of the youth trips to Israel. Come and voice your concerns over a bagel and coffee. RSVP to **Stacey**, 665-7733.

ALJS DISCUSSION

The Association for the Living Jewish Spirit (ALJS), will hold a discussion on Thursday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m., in seminar room 2, Forest Hill Library Building, 666 Eglinton Ave. W. All are welcome.

President is **Rabbi Reuben Slonim**, 789-0101; secretary-treasurer, **Dr. Felix Eckstein**, 926-1368.

JEWISH MYSTICISM

Prof. Bahira Feinstein of Post College, Long Island University, and Sha'arei Orah Centre in New York City, returns to Toronto to talk on Jewish Mysticism, and, Renewal: Towards a Mystical Passover, on Friday, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14, 8 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. For more information call **Phil Ciglen**, 484-9969. Everyone is welcome.

BETH TZEDEC KADIMA SERVICES

On Saturday, Jan. 14, beginning at 10 a.m., Beth Tzedec's Kadima program will have Shabbat services in the lounge on the first floor of the synagogue. Members of Kadima will lead the services, and children ages 10 to 13 years are invited. A kiddush follows.

For more information, call the youth office at 787-0391. Beth Tzedec's Kadima chapter has a membership of 45. Non-members' children are welcome to attend and participate.

SHOMRAI SHABOTH SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood of Shomrai Chevrah Mishnayoth Congregation, 583 Glengrove Ave. W., is featuring a special evening, Wednesday, Jan. 18. **Dr. Colin Geft** will address the group on Common Childhood Problems, and **Fern Orzech** will demonstrate The Fine Art of Food Garnishing. This program takes place Im Yirtzeh Hashem, at 8 p.m. Refreshments. Members free, non-members, $5. Annual dues are $10. RSVP by Jan. 13 to **Susan**, 782-6938 (days) or **Shirley**, 789-1725 (evenings).

ROSENBERG WRITES NEW BOOK

Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg has written a new book, The Real Jewish World, A Rabbi's Second Thoughts. Published in Canada by Clarke Irwin, it is due on the stands early in February.

In this most recent effort, Rabbi Rosenberg, who is the spiritual leader of Beth Torah Congregation in Toronto, surveys the contemporary North American Jewish community based on a half century of active personal involvement. He also delves into his New York Jewish background, and his 20 years as rabbi of the largest synagogue in Canada, and describes the various schisms and denominations in the community.

The book is aimed at both Jew and non-Jew.

BETH TORAH

Daily morning services at Beth Torah Congregation, 47 Glenbrook, are at 7.30 a.m.; Sunday morning services at 9, Friday evening services at 4.30. Sabbath morning services, led by the cantor and rabbi are at 9. At 11 a.m., Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg offers his sermon.

At the next Sabbath service, Jan. 14, the rabbi will examine the question: What Are Vacations For? — Some Personal Observations.

ASTHMATIC CHILDREN

Parents of asthmatic children will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. Location is the Ontario Crippled Children's Centre, 350 Rumsey Rd. Share your experiences and concerns in small group discussions. For further information call **Elaine Rose**, 881-8416.

BUSINESS WORKSHOP

A workshop on writing successful business plans will be given by **Howard Oliver** at The Business Development Centre, 1801 Eglinton Ave. W., suite 221 (near Dufferin) Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 7-10 p.m. For more information call 789-2485.

SHANERMAN TORAH DEDICATION

Friends of **Freda and Dora Shanerman** are cordially invited to a Torah dedication ceremony to be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19 at the Wolinsky Synagogue, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, 3560 Bathurst St. The Torah was donated by Freda Shanerman, whose sister Dora is a patient at Baycrest Hospital.

Rabbi Abraham Greenspan of Baycrest and **Rabbi David Monson** of Beth Sholom Synagogue will officiate. **Moshe Greengarten** will receive the Torah on behalf of residents and patients. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

YOU AND YOUR AGING PARENTS

There has been a change in the starting date for the 6-session workshop, You and Your Aging Parents. It will begin at Jewish Family & Child Service, 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor, Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 24 from 2-3.30. Fee is $30 per person for the series. To register and for further information, call 638-7800, ext. 244.

DAY DISCIPLINE WORKSHOP

Discipline — New Approaches, Part II — small group discussions on understanding and coping with the stresses of day school children, will be sponsored by the Parents' Council of Hebrew Day Schools on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7.45 p.m. in the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W.

Five workshops, led by professionals experienced in working with children and families, will explore such areas as homework, extracurricular activities, peer pressure, etc.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For additional information call, **Eileen Seigel**, 224-1041, or **Ruth Margles**, 787-5124.

HOLY BLOSSOM MUSICALE

Here's a reminder of Holy Blossom Temple's Shabbat Shira musicals, Friday, Jan. 13 at 8.30 p.m. Pianist **Lorraine Muter** and oboist **Wendy Humber**, pianist **Dr. Mel Iscove** and violinist **Eugene Kash**, will present music on Jewish themes by composers **Paul Ben Haim, Ernest Bloch, Srul Glick, Michael Michelet, Ravel, Robert Starrer, Maria Tedesco** and **Kurt Weill**.

Participating in the service will be the Temple Singers and Holy Blossom Temple Choir, **Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner** and organist **Douglas Bodle**.

HILLEL STUDENTS U OF T

Hillel students are organizing the following activities at their House, 604 Spadina Ave., for Thursday, Jan. 12: Conversational Hebrew at 11 a.m.; Jewish Values on Love, Sex, Marriage and Children, at 1 p.m.; a meeting to plan the International Student Solidarity Day With Soviet Jewry, at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 14 at 9 p.m., a bash with live music by **Doc Savage** takes place at Trinity College, 16 Devonshire Place. Admission is $4 members, $6 non-members. Cash bar.

Monday, Jan. 16 — bring your lunch or buy it from the Lower East Side in Hillel House, and watch The Falashas, at noon on video.

Reserve for the Shabbat dinner by Wednesday, Jan. 18.

For more information call **Betty**, 923-9861.

JEWISH STUDENT FEDERATION [YORK]

A Tu Bshevat seder, arranged by the Jewish Student Federation at York University, is planned for 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18 in the faculty lounge of the Ross Building on campus. To inquire further call, **Phil** or **Rona**, 667-3647.

JSF is organizing Hebrew language classes Tuesday, 5-6 p.m., for beginners; 6-7 p.m., advanced.

The Chumash study class is held every Wednesday from 12-2 p.m.

To inquire about classes in the Ross building phone **Phil** or **Rona**, 667-3647.

NCSY FREE JEWISH HIGH SCHOOL

NCSY, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, is continuing its Free Jewish High School for youth grades 9-13. The program is held at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. (lower level), each Tuesday from 7.30-9.30 p.m.

Guest speaker for Jan. 17 will be **Rabbi Tzvi Fleisher**, a recognized sofer (scribe) in Toronto, who will discuss mezuzot and tefillin, and explain how the laws regarding their use were made. Refreshments will follow.

For more information call NCSY's regional director, **Richard Winkler** at 782-3117.

CHILDREN'S TU BSHEVAT PARTY

Come to a Tu Bshevat gathering for children ages 4-12, Sunday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m. at the Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill. The program includes a puppet show, musical entertainment with **Chaim Shainhouse**, Tzivos Hashem March, refreshments and door prizes. Admission is $1. To inquire further call 886-3465 or 886-3790.

TIMBRELL AT BETH TZEDEC

Dennis R. Timbrell, Ontario minister of agriculture and food, will address Beth Tzedec Men's Club on Sunday, Jan. 15, 9.30 a.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Mr. Timbrell will talk about his recent trip to Israel.

Dennis Timbrell

OSTROVTZER GIFT

The Ostrovtzer Society is purchasing an infusion control unit for the infants' intensive care wing being built for the Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba. The unit will be part of the Toronto neo-natal wing built by the Toronto Chapter of Kupat Holim. Presenting the check to Hy Fogelman [fourth from left], executive director of Kupat Holim, is J. Snider, president of the Ostrovtzer. Participating in the presentation are, left to right, Y. Cheifitz, vice-president; A. Naiman, executive vice-president; R. Tinianon, recording secretary; S. Wineberg, executive member; A. Speisman, treasurer; M. Katz, executive member. [Photo by H. Ludz]

at the jcc

At the Bloor branch, a special teen program (ages 12-14) commences Sunday, Jan. 15, from 2-5 p.m. This unique 10-week

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series will expose participants to the world of wildlife, with slide presentations and field trips. Cost is $50 for non-members and $35, for JCC members. Contact **Mark Egan** at 924-6211 to inquire further.

Programs and activities at the JCC North branch, 4588 Bathurst St., include the following:

Blood donor clinic, Jan. 30 (Monday), 2-4 p.m. and 5.30-8.30 p.m. Free passes to all donors. . . . OURWAY, a group for physically disabled young adults, will hold its first meeting Sunday, Jan. 22, in the Teen Lounge, 4-6 p.m. For more information contact **Mindy Coplevitch**, 636-1880, ext. 220. . . . PACE (Public Affairs and Continuing Education) presents guest speaker **Eleanor Miller** at the next Topics Unlimited lecture — Challenges of the Mid-Years. Admission is $1, and everyone is welcome. Call 636-1880, ext. 233 or 279 for more information. . . .

And PACE offers computer courses on varying levels commencing in late January. Classes take place at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), 200 Wilmington Ave., with registration at the JCC. Fees are $90 for JCC members, and $120, non-members. To inquire further call 636-1880, ext. 243 or 279. . . . More PACE courses include Children the Challenge, by **Rudolph Dreikurs**, starting Jan. 16, 9.30 all a.m. Instructor is **Adrienne Slan**. JCC members $45, non-members $60. Call 636-1880, ext. 233 or 243; Effective Communication, with instructor **Georgine Nash**, starts Jan. 24, 9.30-11.30 a.m. JCC members $50, non-members $65. For details phone 636-1880, ext. 233 or 243; Register now for beginners and intermediate Hebrew classes to start the week of Jan. 16, 20 sessions, JCC members $75, non-members $100. Call 636-1880, ext. 233 or 243. . . .

There is still time to register for Theatre School courses commencing this month. Call 636-1880, ext. 243, 270 or 230 for schedules and fees. . . . Register now at the Koffler Centre for Visual Arts winter course. Call 636-1880, ext. 243 or 279. . . . Hebrew Calligraphy starts Thursday, Jan. 19 from 7-8 p.m. There are eight sessions, taught by **Ron Henig**. Fee is $45 JCC members, $55 non-members. Call 636-1880, ext. 279. . . .

Registration is now taking place for Parents Co-Operative Play Group for 2-year-olds (as of December 83), which starts Tuesday, Feb. 7 and continues until June 12. Please call **Orian** or **Sarah**, ext. 232 or 229. . . . Gymnastics II for 4-5-year-olds will be offered Tuesdays, 10.45 a.m.-11.45 a.m. starting Jan. 16. Call Orian 232 for more information. . . . There is still room in Music For Kids (More Blues for Babes) Sundays, 10-11 a.m. Call Orian.

for seniors

Join **Earl Bales Seniors Place** members on a trip to Israel in May. For information contact **Dave Grossman** 633-9300, **Max Lazer** 636-5872, **Charles Cohen** 741-4462, **Connie Kleinmintz** 783-7609, or **Nat Goodman**, 222-5145.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., will show a current movie on Monday, Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. Come and bring your friends. . . . The next Jewish Literature and Discussion program will be on Monday, Jan. 23 at 1 p.m. . . . Ongoing programs are Exercise for Health, Monday and Thursday mornings at 10.30, dance classes with **Al Gladstone** Wednesdays at 12.30 p.m. as well as oil painting on Thursdays at 1 p.m. . . . There are still a few openings for the Purim tour to Israel and London, March 12-April 1. For further information on the tour join the group at an orientation meeting at the synagogue, Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 1.30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip contact **Merle**, at 499-4400.

New members are always welcome at the North-East Branch of the Jewish Community Centre, **Club Chaverim** for Seniors. Programs are held every Monday at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

Ballroom dancing at Earl Bales Seniors Place on Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9.30, is now in full swing. Come out and enjoy!

Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. N. in Hamilton, celebrates special residents' birthdays as well as the second birthday party of Shalom Village at Simcha, Sunday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. Entertainment will be by The Vaudevillians of Toronto, with a terrific variety show featuring dancing, skits, singing and lots of laughs, plus refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come and join in this day of days!

Adath Sholom Jubilee Club, which meets at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., has scheduled several events for January and the coming months. . . . the general meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 12 at 1.30 p.m. Following a brief business meeting, **Joseph Roth and Family** will present a musical and dance program. Admission is $1 for Jubilee Club members, $1.50 non-members. . . . Tuesday mornings at 10 o'clock, **Al Gladstone** instructs folk and line dancing classes, and fitness and dancercise classes are conducted by **Marilyn Tkatch** every Wednesday morning at 10.30. There is no charge for participants for either of the classes, which contine for 10 consecutive weeks. . . . The Jubilee Club invites the community to a Mid-Winter Night's Dance on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 8-11 p.m. with music by **Moishe Turk** and his orchestra. Light refreshments, door prizes, gifts for the ladies. Admission is $3 for members of Jubilee Club, $4 for non-members. . . . For more information regarding Jubilee Club call 635-0131.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club + 50 invites you to put a little fun in your life with bingo and prizes galore at its next gathering, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1.15 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Refreshments and coffee. Everyone is welcome. Admission to non-members of the club is $1.50.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The next in a series of health-related lectures takes place at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 1 p.m. Stroke Recovery — A Personal Story, will focus on a discussion of the stroke condition from a personal point of view. . . . Mladi Glas, a Slovenian folk dancing group, will be presented at the centre on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. by the Community Folk Art Council of Metropolitan Toronto. . . . On Monday, Jan. 16, **Prof. Ben Etkin** will give a lecture and slide show on a trip to China. He is on the staff of York University. There is no charge and this is open to the community. It will take place at the centre. For time call 225-2112.

singles

Are you single and new to Toronto? Come and discover what the city has for you. A Wine and Cheese gathering, sponsored by Jewish Singles Project Connect, is set for Sunday, Jan. 22, 8 p.m. at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. Cost is $4. RSVP by Jan. 16 is a must. For more information, call 731-4600, mornings.

Project Connect's Forum For Men Only, lecture and discussion, for separated and divorced Jewish men, will investigate the social and emotional aspects of being single again. This takes place Thursday, Jan. 26, 8-10 p.m. at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St., Room 214. Refreshments. No charge. For additional information call 731-4600, mornings.

Temple Sinai Mature Singles [40+] is having a meeting on Sunday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m., at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., in the Fanny Green Hall. Featured will be entertainer **Sol Mandlsohn**, star of stage, screen and radio — a delight to hear. Everyone welcome. Refreshments. Admission is $2.

Club Amal (26-40) invites all singles and single parents from southern Ontario to attend its next house party, Sunday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m. at 76 Combe Ave., side door entrance (Sheppard and Wilmington). For information on this and other programs phone **Sheldon** on the party line, 653-1381. Sponsored by Canadian Friends of Amal. Admission is $2.99.

Solelim, (25-40) are going on a sleigh ride — or day ride, on Sunday, Jan. 15, 1.30 p.m. A dinner party follows after 5 p.m. RSVP by Jan. 13, noon. Call **Mandell**, 783-2779, 7-10 p.m. or **Stan**, 638-0747.

Forty + Singles . . . come to Holy Blossom Temple every Thursday evening at 7.45 (Eisendrath Auditorium) for bridge lessons plus supervised play, to be conducted by an expert instructor. A game will also be arranged for experienced players. Call **Cathy**, 638-5029 or **Marion**, 665-4708.

Holy Blossom Single/Single Parents group . . . enjoy bowling every Thursday at 9 p.m., Bathurst St. Bowlerama, Glencairn and Bathurst. See old friends and meet new ones. Coffee is served afterwards. Call **Harold**, 635-0446 after 6 p.m. for additional information.

The **Singles Let's Mingle Club [ages 24-40]** starts the New Year with a pizza party, 8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 15, at 435 Lawrence Ave. W. (just east of Bathurst). Admission is $3.50. Pizza, coffee, cake, soft drinks and more are included.

40 Plus Singles Monday Night Coffee House will feature **Kaye Hopkins**, a single mother and grandmother, and a counselor at Centennial College, who will speak on Life After Divorce — Living Single and Liking It. This will be held at the JCC North, Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Seniors' Lounge. For more details call 636-1880, ext. 332, or **Doris**, at 636-1687.

Single Parents-Parenting Adolescents Workshop, for mothers and fathers, whether or not your child lives with you, is offered by the Jewish Family & Child Service. It will deal with the special needs in parenting a teen-ager, and is to take place at JF&CS, 4600 Bathurst St., starting Tuesday, Jan. 24, for six consecutive weeks, from 8-9.30 p.m. Fee is $25 (scholarships available). To inquire further and to register, call **Estelle Altman**, 638-7800.

Something different is a Jewish Singles Breakdance, at Partner's Restaurant, 4985 Yonge St. (four blocks north of Sheppard), Monday, Jan. 16, 8.30 p.m., featuring some of Toronto's young professional breakdancers. This is for singles ages 20-37. Cover charge is $4. For more information call **Partner's**, 224-0204.

A Singles Cabbage Patch Party is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 23, 8 p.m. at the Inn on the Park in Le Club. Ages are 22-37, and cover charge is $4. Door prize is a cabbage patch doll. All proceeds go to B'nai B'rith charities.

North-East Jewish Single Parents [JCC] look forward to an Open House with dancing refreshments, wine and good company, Saturday, Jan. 14 at 8.30 p.m. Fee is $3 members, $5 non-members. Call **Susan Levine**, 889-0813.

And, North-East Jewish Single Parents Small Discussion Group meets Wednesday, Jan. 18 to examine The Effect of Unliberated Men on Women. Members $1, non-members $2. The time is 8 p.m. For location and other information, call Susan Levine.

North-East Jewish Single Parents are planning a children's program for Sunday, Jan. 15, 2-4 p.m., at Seneca Village Community Centre, 1700 Finch Ave. E. The event is Creative Movement with **Dave Wilson** — a warm, vibrant person who works with adults and children. Fee is $1 members, $2, non-members. Call Susan Levine, for more details.

About People

AYLAT NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alec Aylat, a Jerusalem marketing management consultant, is the new national executive director of the Canadian Friends of Hiafa University. He is based at national headquarters, 1110 Finch Ave. W., Toronto. The phone number is (416) 665-4462.

NAME OMITTED

Rose Applebaum, the mother of **Bob Applebaum**, a leading official in the federal department of fisheries and oceans, was not mentioned in a Dec. 29 profile on Bob. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Applebaum live in Toronto. We regret the omission of Mrs. Applebaum's name.

WELCOME TO THE CLUB

New officers of Club Canada, the organization of Canadian students at Yeshiva University in New York, are [seated, from left] Avi Dalfen of Montreal, past president; Rabbi M. Mitchell Serels of Toronto, advisor for the group; Steven Cohen of Hamilton, president; Benjamin Tripp of Hampstead, vice-president; [standing, from left] Kenny Fischer of Toronto, treasurer; Arye Colton of Montreal, secretary; David Wolicki of Montreal, editor of the club's publication, The Maple Leaflet; and Nathan Rabinovitch of Montreal, second vice-president.

FINISHING TOUCH

Gary Diamond, the General Studies principal of CHAT, is shown affixing a mezuzah on the doorpost of the Teacher Resource Centre of the Board of Jewish Education, assisted by Bernard Shoub, director of school finances, BJE. Mr. Diamond was recently elected president of the Association of Day School Administration.

Organizations and People

Canadian Technion Society will honor Larry Grossman

TORONTO —
At a dinner to be held April 15, the Canadian Technion Society will pay tribute to Larry Gorssman, the treasurer of Ontario, and honor his parents by announcing the establishment of the Ethel and Alan Grossman Centre for research in immunology at the Technion of Haifa.

The testimonial, under the honorary patronship of Premier William Davis of Ontario, is being sponsored by the Toronto Chapter and the Central Region of the Canadian Technion Society.

Proceeds from the dinner, to be held in the grand ballroom of the Toronto Sheraton Centres, will be used to begin construction of the Centre at the Rappaport Medical Building of the Technion.

The announcement comes as Grossman concludes a private, 5-day visit to Israel with members of a Technion mission in connection with the project. The visit included meetings with officials of the Technion and also with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and members of his cabinet.

Larry Grossman

According to a spokesman, the society "wishes to acknowledge the contribution made by Larry Grossman not only to the quality of life here in the province of Ontario, but also to his steadfast dedication to causes of the Jewish community as a whole, to the State of Israel, and to the advancement of health care and the advances of scientific research here in Ontario and in Israel."

Grossman has previously served in the Ontario cabinet as minister of consumer and commercial relations, minister of industry and tourism, and minister of health.

The immunological research to be carried on at the centre will deal with some of the most prevalent clinical problems in the field, including understanding the basic mechanisms of allergic responses, autoimmune diseases with a special emphasis on SLE (lupus), and resistance to malignant disease.

The research is directed towards discovering ways to manipulate the immune process to stimulate resistance to cancer, or alternatively, to suppress reactions in cases of autoimmune diseases, allergies and transplant surgery.

Under campaign chairman Mark Friedman, committees for the dinner have been set up across the province in Windsor, London, Kitchener, St. Catharines, Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston and Ottawa.

David Azrieli of Montreal is the honorary campaign chairman. Lloyd Fogler is the dinner chairman, and Sheldon Taerk, Jack Chisvin, Steven Pustel and Barrie Rose are vice-chairmen.

Further information can be obtained from Stephen Rosen, executive director, Central Region, Canadian Technion Society, (416) 789-4545.

More money for hospitals

TORONTO —
Hospitals in Ontario will get an average increase of 8% in provincial grants, including 5% for salary increases, for 1984-85.

Health Minister Keith Norton recently told officials of the Ontario Hospital Association that the increase will bring the government's annual spending for hospital operating costs to nearly $4 billion. That's an average expenditure of $465 for every person in the province.

Ministry spending for 1983-84 on hospital budgets is more than $3.6 billion.

Each hospital will get a general increase of 5% over its allocation for 1983-84 to provide for wage and benefit increases in keeping with the Ontario government's wage restraint program. The other 3% will be allocated to cover:

- funds to maintain programs started in 1983-84 with ministry approval;
- cost of new programs or expansions already approved to begin during 1984-85;
- costs associated with the growth of life support programs such as renal dialysis, cardiovascular surgery, cancer chemotherapy, pacemakers, total parenteral nutrition and perinatal programs in designated major and teaching hospitals;
- costs of workload increases resulting from larger numbers of patients treated by the hospital;
- an additional 1% for small hospitals which have 50 or fewer beds.

Beth Tikvah Synagogue
3080 Bayview Avenue, Willowdale
221-3433
MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST
Sunday, January 15,
9:00 a.m.: Services 9:30 a.m.: Breakfast
Guest Speaker:
MR. RICK KOLLINS
Sports Journalist & Author
Topic: Jewish Involvement in Athletics from Biblical Times to the Present – Examination of the Myths and Realities
Tickets: $4.00 per person R.S.V.P. 221–3433
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Organizations and People

Winnipeg's oldest shul

Synagogue an historical site

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Winnipeg's oldest functioning synagogue was recently declared an historical building by the city's environmental committee.

Of the 15 to 20 synagogues built between 1906 and 1930 in Winnipeg's old North End Jewish neighborhoods, only the Lubavitcher Synagogue at 551 Magnus Ave. is still intact and holds daily services.

The synagogue, erected in 1922 by 11 Jewish families recently arrived from Lithuania, was designed by D. B. Hirshfield, who worked for the CPR. Members built the synagogue themselves at a cost of $14,500.

The building is a 2-storey red and buff brick structure, 30 by 50 feet, on a raised stone foundation. It is highlighted by three beautiful stained-glass windows in front and one on the side.

The synagogue's interior is in the style of its time — a gallery for the women, a raised central bimah, and the Aron Kodesh along the east wall. The benches are of wood, and an ornate chandelier hangs from the ceiling.

"At one time or another, every Jewish family with roots in the city since 1922 has passed through here," said Phil Kraversky, the shul president, "and a lot of Jewish organizations got their start on our premises, but our membership has remained fairly constant."

Kravetsky reported that the highest number of member families was 38, but now there are "12 main families involved, with 50 others — generally the offspring of the original families — in association."

Kravetsky doesn't know how the environment committee became interested. "We objected mildly at first because it restricts what we can do with the building," he said, "but we decided to go along. Maybe the city can help us with our financial problems."

The building is in need of major renovations. It has suffered from random vandalism over the last few years. The stained-glass windows are broken, and one is boarded up.

"Actually we are flattered to be picked as an historical site," said Kravetsky. "We may in the future strike up a committee and turn the Lubavitcher Synagogue into a museum as well as continuing to have daily minyans."

Hebrew books abound

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —
If you want to improve your ability to read Hebrew — or if it's your first language and you want to settle down with a good book — try your local public library.

Metro's Jewish population is fortunate to have access to the extensive collection of Hebrew books and Judaica in the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, which recently moved into the cultural wing of the Lipa Green Building on Bathurst between Sheppard and Finch.

But if you live further south or in the northeast, you can also pick up a book in Hebrew at four branches in the Metropolitan system.

The largest collection is available downtown, in the languages department branch of the Metropolitan Toronto library at 789 Yonge St. It holds over 500 books for adults, young adults and children.

Further north, the Forest Hill branch of the Toronto Public Library and North York's Bathurst Heights branch have mid-sized collections for both adults and children; and in the northeast, Hillcrest has approximately 75 children's books. Hillcrest is on Leslie St. between Finch and Steeles.

Information on foreign language collections is given in a handy little green book, Guide to the Multilanguage Collections in the Public Library Systems of Metropolitan Toronto, issued by the Metro Library Board.

The book shows collections of at least 50 titles in 56 different languages, including Belorussian, Icelandic, and Telugu.

Those who are joining in the Yiddish revival, can find books at 789 Yonge St. and Bathurst Heights.

And if your kids claim that they can't do their Hebrew book report because it's Sunday and they forgot the book — there's even a small collection of children's Hebrew books at North York's Central Library on Yonge St.

Attending the dedication of I. L. Peretz House are, from left, Hy Goldberg of Tfereth Israel Congregation, Rabbi Ira Samuel Grussgott, Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue and Rabbi Jonathan V. Plaut, Congregation Beth El.

I.L. Peretz House

Housing for seniors

WINDSOR —
The Windsor Jewish community recently dedicated a senior adult congregate housing facility containing 71 apartment units.

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Morris Brodsky, co-chairman of the I. L. Peretz Senior Citizen Corp., presided over the dedication and treasury board chairman Herb Gray MP, a former student of the I. L. Peretz School, represented the federal government and minister of housing.

TJC plans annual meet

TORONTO —
Ninth annual meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress will be held in the 4th floor Conference Centre of the Lipa Green Building for Jewish Community Services on Monday, April 9, at 7.30 p.m.

TJC president Irving Feldman has announced that the evening's agenda will include election of TJC officers as well as members of the executive board and delegates-at-large to the Congress council.

Also scheduled is the presentation of the Toronto Jewish community's highest service award, the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit.

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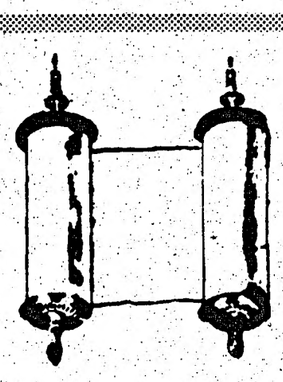

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI URI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat B'Shalach/Tu b'Shvat [Jan. 19]

It is a sin to be sad. We have to accept everything with faith, with prayer, with joy.

A tzaddik sat with his followers and asked them: "Do you believe in the Creator?"

The followers were surprised — "Of course," they responded. "Don't we recite daily, 'Shma Yisrael!'"

"Well," he responded, "I **don't** believe!" Seeing the student's shock, he continued. "You see this we are leaning on — do you believe that it is a table?"

"What is there to believe, rebbe," they answered. "We don't have to believe we can see it it is a table."

"So also with me," answered the tzaddik. "I do not believe in the Ribono shel Olam. I can see Him. The heavens, the moon and stars, the whole earth . . . announce that there is a Creator who rules everything. . . ."

* * *

We must not just believe in G-d. We must see Him, feel Him, be absolutely confident even in times of trouble.

Consider . . . the Jews who left Egypt were in crisis. Pharaoh chased after them with a merciless army. "U'Pharoah hikriv . . . And Pharaoh drew near. . . ."

Our rabbis explain — Pharaoh drew the hearts of the Jews nearer to G-d. When the Jews saw the Egyptians drawing close to them, they lifted their hearts in repentance, begging G-d's mercy. . . .

"And the Children of Israel cried out to the L-rd!" What was their cry? But — explains Reb Moshe of Sassov — the righteous of the Jews cried out in shame.

"Ribono shel Olam, is this a nice way to get us to repent? Should Jews have to repent only when they see tzores descending on them? Awaken our hearts to do teshuva out of love, not from suffering!"

Why must we wait for tzores to think about G-d? Let us serve Him with joy instead.

* * *

We cannot escape the Almighty. Whatever plan we lay, the dreams we weave — He decides our fate.

When troubles do come, we have to turn to Him.

Said the holy Baal Shem Tov: Suffering and tzores don't come by accident. Whoever tries to just run away from them is like the woman who began having labor pains. "Who needs this?" she asked, so she ran off to another town. But sure enough — she had the same labor pains in the next town as well!

The Tiberias dayan, Reb Motel, gave another example: A horse was struck with a whip by its rider. The horse thought to itself — I'd better run away from the whip. So he ran yet faster, yet quicker.

But the horse didn't realize that just as he ran, the whip and rider were riding with him as well!

There is one Ribono shel Olam who runs the world — can we escape Him? We run to doctors, we can run to lawyers, even to rabbis, to help us. But who is the real help? We have a power — the power of the mouth, to pray, to plead, to pour out our hearts to the Ribono shel Olam.

May the Almighty hear us. Shabbat Shalom.

Nazi collaborator jailed for 5 years

BONN [JTA] —

Josepf Jarosch, a Ukrainian-born Nazi collaborator, was sentenced to five years and six months imprisonment by a Memmingen court last week for complicity in the murder of at least 70 Jews in the Ukraine 40 years ago.

Jarosch, 70, was found guilty by the jury of assisting the SS in the mass shootings of resistance fighters and Jews while serving as a policeman in the Nazi-occupied Ukraine.

His conviction rested on an episode in Broschnew-Osada in 1943 when Jarosch herded dozens of Jews to an execution ground where he ordered them to stand in rows of five each.

As the SS shot down the first row, each succeeding row was ordered to step forward and was shot, falling on the bodies of those already dead. The bodies were then set on fire, including some victims who were only wounded by the volleys and were burned alive.

Rabbi Kertzer served with U.S. forces

Chaplain received medal from Pope

TORONTO —

Funeral services were held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue in Toronto recently for Rabbi Morris N. Kertzer, a 73-year-old native of Cochrane, Ont., who died Dec. 29 at his home in Arizona. Shiva was at his brother Samuel's home in Toronto.

The rabbi was the only Jewish chaplain serving with U.S. forces on the Anzio beachhead in Italy and was the first to enter Rome on its liberation. He was awarded the Pro Dea Medal by Pope Pius XII for interfaith activities.

As well, he was the recipient of the Star Medal from the U.S. Army, and was awarded the George Washington Medal from the Freedom Foundation for his analysis of Soviet anti-semitism.

In 1956 Rabbi Kertzer headed a delegation of rabbis to the USSR and wrote a series of articles on his experiences for the New York Times. They were later reprinted in The Globe and Mail.

The rabbi was one of five children born to David and Pearl Kertzer. The parents, natives of Russia, were traditional Jews and joined the city's McCaul St. Synagogue upon arriving in Toronto in 1916.

According to Samuel Kertzer, Morris' decision to join the rabbinate was influenced greatly by the late Rabbi Jacob Gordon of the McCaul shul.

Rabbi Kertzer, who had been retired for the last six years in Scottsdale, Ariz., was educated at Harbord Collegiate and the University of Toronto, where he received a BA in philosophy in 1930. He then got his MA at the University of Michigan and a degree of Doctor of Hebrew Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Kertzer was ordained as a Conservative rabbi in 1934 but several years later he received his Doctor of Hebrew Literature from Hebrew Union College and served in pulpits of several Reform congregations.

The rabbi's last pulpit was at a Reform synagogue in Riverdale, NY, where he served for five years.

Kertzer didn't occupy a pulpit immediately after his ordination in 1934. His first job was director of the Hillel Institute at the University of Illinois and as a faculty member of the university's Eastern/Oriental studies department.

The rabbi also taught Eastern / Oriental studies at the University of Alabama and the University of Iowa and also served as Hillel director at these schools.

When World War II broke out, Kertzer became a chaplain in the U.S. army. On his return from overseas, he served as assistant rabbi under Milton Steinberg at the Conservative Park Ave. Synagogue in New York.

Prior to his pulpit at the Riverdale shul, he was spiritual leader at the Reform Rockville Centre in Long Island, NY and at a Reform congregation in Larchmont, NY.

Kertzer was for a time national president of the U.S. Military Chaplains Association and is the author of several books on Judaism — among them What is a Jew [1973], now in its 35th printing, Today's American Jew, and Tell Me Rabbi [1976].

Between 1951-58 Rabbi Kertzer served as national director of interreligious affairs of the American Jewish Committee and was the secretary of the New York Board of Rabbis from 1957-59.

He was also a member of the executive board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the association of Reform rabbis, from 1964-1966, as well as a member of the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations from 1962-1967.

He is survived by his wife Julia (Hoffman), originally from St. Catharines, Ont., a daughter Ruth, of Brookline, Mass., a son David, of Brunswick, Me., and a son Jonathan, now studying in England.

Rabbi Kertzer

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Province-wide study finds drug use down among Ont. students

TORONTO — Alcohol and marijuana use among Ontario students in grades 7, 9, 11, and 13 has declined slightly since 1981, according to a new province-wide survey of student drug use by the Addiction Research Foundation.

Some of the apparent decline may reflect the greater proportion of younger students in the 1983 sample compared to 1981. However, the decline of cannabis use is similar to that found in other surveys, the Foundation reported.

Many of the findings of drug use in the 1983 sample were similar to those in the 1981 survey. Alcohol, tobacco and marijuana still remain the most popular drugs. Only non-medical stimulant use increased significantly between the two survey periods.

An apparent increase in glue use is almost certainly due to the larger number of young students included in the 1983 survey, the Foundation states.

Alcohol was used by the greatest number of students who said they used drugs, but it was not the drug that students reported using most frequently.

By far the most frequently used drug in 1983 was tobacco, which was used daily by 69.2% of the students who reported smoking in the 12 months prior to the survey. In 1981, there were 71.9% of smokers who reported daily use.

Adrienne Offman, centre, is flanked by outgoing national CJF chairwoman Phyllis Freedman, left, and Deane Stone, incoming chairwoman.

Offman gets key CJF post

TORONTO — Adrienne Offman, vice-president of Toronto Jewish Congress and active in local leadership circles of United Jewish Appeal, is the new North American vice-chairwoman of the Council of Jewish Federations Women's Division.

Mrs. Offman's election took place during the recent 52nd Council of Jewish Federations General Assembly in Atlanta.

In her new capacity, Mrs. Offman will also chair the Women's Division Canadian Region.

She is also chairman of the steering committee for Toronto's United Jewish Appeal involvement in Project Renewal, and is a member of the UJA campaign executive.

Lola Falana entertains at fund raising event.

Falana feature at fund raiser

TORONTO — Singer Lola Falana will be the feature attraction at the Alpha Omega Women's fund-raising dinner Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room.

The following day, Prof. Irving Abella, co-author of the book, None Is Too Many, will speak at the annual Alpha Omega Fraternity brunch at the hotel. The Royal York is offering a special rate for those who wish to stay overnight to attend the brunch.

Patron's tickets for the Saturday night dinner, show and dance to be held in the Upper Canada Room with Michael Snider's Orchestra, are $125 per couple, with a portion of that tax deductible.

In conjunction with the gala weekend, a Commemorative Program Book is being published, listing the names of the supporters of the fund raising project. Each supporter will receive a tax deductible receipt from the Alpha Omega Foundation and a copy of the program.

Alpha Omega is an international dental fraternity composed of nearly 700 dentists in Toronto and 15,000 dentists from around the world.

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Hundreds pay tribute to Elias Benmergui

Chapel manager always found time to help others

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —
On New Year's Day, 600 members of the Toronto Jewish community filled the chapel at Steeles-College Memorial to pay tribute to the man who had comforted many of them when they mourned the loss of a family member.

Now they came to comfort the family of Elias Benmergui, who for the past 6½ years served as the manager of the community-run funeral chapel.

Benmergui, 54, died suddenly on Dec. 31.

Rabbi Amram Assayag of Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation, of which Benmergui was a founding member, gave the hesped.

"I spoke of the high degree of gemillat chesed (selfless charity) of the man," he told The CJN. "We must follow God in his ways: as God dresses the naked, visits the sick and comforts the mourners, so must we. And Eli did all of these."

It was Benmergui's dedication to helping members of the community that led to his appointment with Steeles College, recalled Maurice Benzacar, director of settlement for JIAS, who knew Benmergui since his arrival from his native Tangiers in 1961.

"Like many immigrants, he did not have an easy time at the beginning, but he worked hard and was willing to do anything," Benzacar said.

"He always found time for the community. He founded the B'nai Sepharade, an organization to help the elderly members of the Sephardic community, and he was always willing to volunteer his time to act as an interpreter."

From his contacts with this group, said Benzacar, he came to realize the need for a chevra kadisha for the Sephardic population in Toronto.

As a founding member of the Sephardic men's chevra, "he helped us to maintain our own customs," Rabbi Assayag said.

His sensitivity and concern for the aged and their families, and his experience as a volunteer with the chevra made him an excellent choice for his post at Steeles College Memorial, according to Benzacar.

Both Benzacar and Assayag spoke of a very special mitzvah to which Benmergui had devoted his time for many years.

There is a Sephardic order of prayer for the dying which includes tehillim (psalms) and the Shema. It is to be said at the moment at which the soul leaves the body, so that, in Rabbi Assayag's words, "the person leaves the world with some sanctity."

To ensure that a person does not die alone and that the prayers are said, volunteers are needed who will wait at the bedside night and day, even on Shabbes and yom tov, if necessary, Rabbi Assayag explained.

"Eli organized people to come . . . and even left his own family so that he could spend Shabbes at the hospital."

"His death is a great loss to the entire community," said Rabbi David Schochet, the rabbi of Toronto's Lubavitch congregation in Thornhill. Rabbi Schochet was a personal friend and also one of the rabbinic authorities to whom questions of Jewish law regarding burials could be addressed.

"He was equally sensitive to the needs of both the Sephardic and the Ashkenazic communities. There were occasions when he gave of his own funds to help families in need to provide a burial plot, for example."

"It was a tragic loss," said Emanuel Don, secretary-treasurer of Steeles College Memorial, who is taking over some of Benmergui's duties temporarily. The chapel has two licensed funeral directors on staff in addition to a manager.

Benmergui leaves his wife, Simy, five children, Ruben, Alice, Steven, Margie and Nora, all of Toronto, and four brothers, Moses, Meir and Jacob of Toronto and Isaac of Israel.

Memorial donations can be made to the Or Haemet Sephardic School, 210 Wilson Ave., Toronto M5M 3B1.

Shabbat Shira program offers new Kalib work

TORONTO —
The annual special program at Beth Tzedec Congregation for Shabbat Shira — the Sabbath of Song — which this year falls on Jan. 14, will feature a newly commissioned work, Birkat Kohanim, by Shalom Kalib.

Kalib, a cantor and professor of music at Eastern Michigan University in Flint, Mich., is a leading composer and arranger of traditional synagogue music.

Birkat Kohanim [the name refers to priestly blessings chanted by the cantor during the Shabbat morning service] was commissioned by the family of the president of Beth Tzedec, Aaron Black, in honor of his induction.

Shabbat Shira is the Shabbat on which the Torah reading includes the Song of the Sea, a song of triumphant joy sung by Moses and the Israelites after they escaped from Pharaoh's armies and crossed the Red Sea.

In recent years, this Shabbat has heralded the annual Jewish musical festival period. The special Shabbat Shira service held at Beth Tzedec each year features liturgical music by a variety of composers, including newly commissioned works.

By highlighting such music, says Beth Tzedec's Cantor Paul Kowarsky, who introduced this type of program, "recognition and encouragement is given to those who have devoted their lives and genius to its enhancement."

The services will be conducted by Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg, and assisted by Rabbi Lawrence Troster.

The musical portion will be chanted by Cantor Kowarsky with the Beth Tzedec Choir under the direction of Gordon Kushner. The chanting of the Torah will be led by Cantor Morris Soberman.

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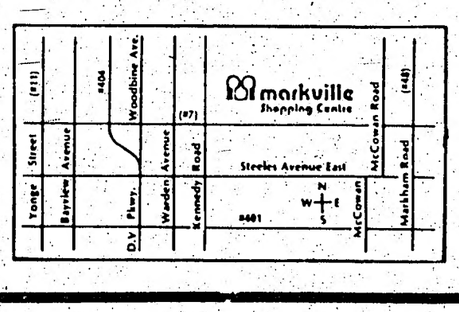

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Nursing home changes made

TORONTO — Nursing home residents will be encouraged to participate more fully in matters that affect their homes by forming residents' councils, Health Minister Keith Norton announced recently.

In addition, Norton told the Legislature's committee on social development that residents who require brief hospital care will now be assured greater peace of mind because their medical leave of absence will be extended from three days to 14.

These changes are covered in new regulations of the Nursing Homes Act effective Jan. 1.

Made up of at least three residents or their delegates, a residents' council provides a forum for regular communication among residents, administrators, staff and community. A council also encourages residents to make recommendations to the administrator on matters in the home that affect them.

Where a residents' council is not already in place, a nursing home administrator will be required to call a meeting once a year of residents, their representatives or next-of-kin to advise them of their right to have a council. There are a number of homes where councils are already in place.

Norton said a council "will assure residents of a forum in which to raise their concerns about the operation and services provided in their nursing home."

The second new regulation will extend a resident's leave of absence for medical reasons. Until now residents in hospital had their nursing home beds held for them for three days during which time the government continued to pay its portion of the per diem.

Under the new regulation the three days will be extended to 14. If residents are returning to the home within 14 days, the beds will be held and the government portion of their per diem paid until they return. Residents not returning until after the 14-day limit must assume the total per diem, government and individual portion, for each day in excess of 14.

The total per diem for a standard ward nursing home bed is $42.35.

"This extension of medical coverage," said Norton, "should ensure that no nursing home residents incurs financial hardship due to illness requiring admission to hospital."

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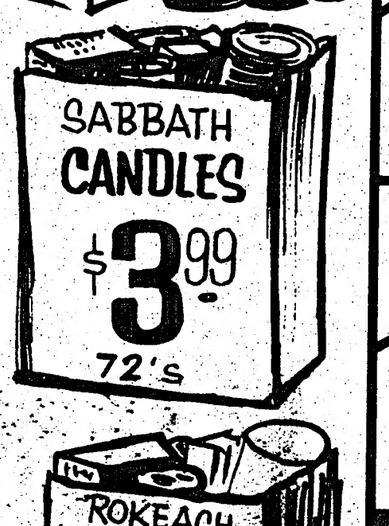

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Reporters discuss world events

CBC correspondent predicts peace in Lebanon

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's Beirut correspondent, Brian Stewart, believes 1984 may bring peace to Lebanon.

Stewart said he would go "out on a limb" and predict that this year may see "nine years of war in Lebanon come to an end."

Stewart made his comments at a panel discussion here last week involving eight CBC foreign correspondents. Correspondents from Washington, London, Paris, Moscow and Beirut attended and answered questions from the audience on topics ranging from the Middle East to the successor to Yuri Andropov to the U.S. invasion of Grenada.

Stewart, who is returning to Beirut this week to take up duties at the CBC's new bureau there, told the audience of about 450 that 1984 will be "the most fluid year in the Middle East since Camp David."

He said that while it's difficult to predict anything in the Middle East, with "a ceasefire more or less holding" and with the "parties beginning to talk," he's "not that pessimistic" about the future in Lebanon.

If the Lebanese army begins to assert its authority and "if the talks continue," he added "the multinational (peacekeeping force) may say 'we've got some cooperation' and pull out." He predicted the force will leave within six months.

Reagan under pressure

CBC Radio's Washington correspondent Hal Jones said U.S. President Ronald Reagan "is under heavy pressure to pull out of Lebanon. His instinct is not to pull out," but he "has to get them out before the election campaign begins, he said, otherwise their presence there could be politically "deadly."

Washington correspondent Joe Schlesinger agreed it is politically important for Reagan to withdraw the Marines. He said Americans remember the hostage-taking incident in Iran, and predicted "Reagan won't go down the same road as Carter in 1980." He said the Marines are America's primary concern now, and Lebanon itself is secondary.

The exclusion of the media from war zones, he added, began with the Falklands war, when the British decided not to allow the media to take pictures of their soldiers killing and dying.

Schlesinger said in the past "Israel always had a favorable press. They used to make all sorts of facilities available," while the Arabs placed more restrictions on the press. "In Beirut," he continued, "the Israeli army was in action against a large urban centre. In Sinai, it's different . . . that's what changed their mind."

On the local front, chief political correspondent David Halton said that although Conservative Leader Brian Mulroney "has been quite critical of (Prime Minister) Trudeau's recent anti-Israel tilt," he does not foresee a major change in Canadian policy should the Conservatives gain power.

Halton said while Mulroney affirmed his "unshakeable commitment to Israel," Mulroney was not prepared to say there would be less criticism of Israel's actions than under the Liberals.

Help your mate

Halton said a change under Mulroney would be "more of style than of substance."

In answering questions from the audience about unfair reporting from the Middle East, panel moderator and chief news correspondent Knowlton Nash told the audience that getting better information about the Middle East is "precisely the reason we established the bureau in Beirut."

Schlesinger added that American reporters have their own points of view, and it's important for us to "see the world through Canadian eyes. That's why the CBC spends money to send us around the world. If you watched the U.S. news," he added, "you'd think the only important event (in Lebanon) is the U.S. Marines. . . . With Brian (Stewart) there, we'll get another view."

Stewart said that in covering Lebanon the Beirut bureau will not overemphasize the "bang-bang" of the situation. The policy of the CBC, he said, will be to "break away from action stories" and do more background stories.

London correspondent Patrick Brown said that in Lebanon there is a set group of television crews who try to find "extraordinary scenes of battle." On one occasion, he said, a CBS sound man was wounded in the arm, yet the cameraman he was with continued to take pictures of the event.

He said an outsider might have put down the camera to "help your mate," but for that cameraman, getting good pictures "was his job." He said CBS devoted a great deal of air time to the event.

Stewart told The Canadian Jewish News that CBC policy over the years has been to avoid matching the U.S. networks by emphasizing the bang-bang.

He said the CBC doesn't face "the fierce competition that faces U.S. stations." But, he said, there's "a rider" — if you "look out the window and one-quarter of a suburb is going up in smoke," that can often be a "very relevant" story.

Stewart predicted "we'll now begin to see less access for television" in the Middle East. In Israel, he said, the "officers there say 'how could we be so dumb and allow the cameras to come see us bomb Beirut.'"

Fania Fenelon survived concentration camp

PARIS [JTA] —

Fania Fenelon, the musician who survived the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and later told the world of having to play in the women's orchestra there while millions went to their death in the Holocaust, died of cancer recently at the age of 75. There was no funeral because Fenelon donated her body to medical research.

Fenelon's book, Playing for Time, in which she recounted how the camp orchestra played under orders of the Nazis while Jews went to the ovens was made into a television film starring Vanessa Redgrave, a PLO supporter.

Fenelon, an ardent Zionist, campaigned against the CBS film in protest against the insensitivity in casting Redgrave, who played the part of Fenelon.

Born in Paris as Fanny Goldstein, Fenelon was a professional pianist and singer in Paris before being sent to Bergen-Belsen by the Nazis where she spent 11 months playing in the orchestra.

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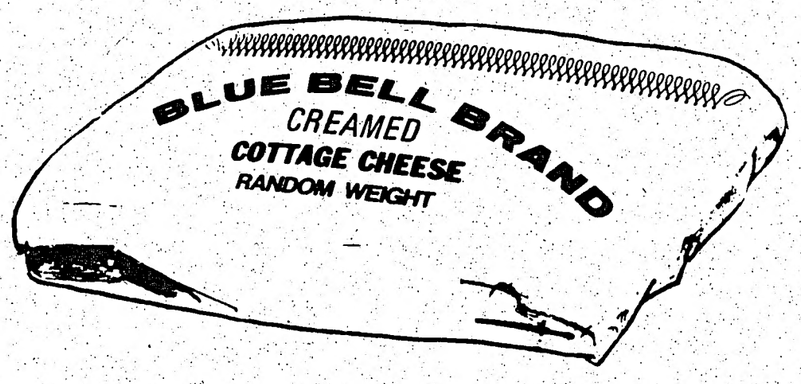

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TORONTO —
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This competition is open to all fulltime Canadian students studying at a Canadian university during the 1983-84 academic year.

Essays may be submitted in English or in French and should be no longer than 5,000 words, including footnotes.

The paper must be submitted with a registration form available from the university liaison officer by no later than Feb. 17.

University selection committees will review the essays submitted and will select the best English and French ones for submission to the national selection jury. The selection by university selection committees must be made by no later than March 5, and the winning essay should be forwarded to the national jury in order to arrive no later than March 15.

All essays should be typed and submitted on 8.5 x 11 paper, double spaced, with standard margins (a 5,000-word essay, therefore, would result in a paper of approximately 20 pages in length).

First and second prizes will be awarded at the national level and winners will be notified by early April. They will be invited to attend an award ceremony in Ottawa on Law Day, April 17. Travel expenses to Ottawa for the presentation of these awards will be covered by the organizers of the competition.

The two first prizes are an 11-week salary internship with the Law Reform Commission of Canada. Prizes will be awarded to the author of the best English essay and to the author of the best French essay.

The two second prizes are a $500 bursary and will be awarded by the CBA to the author of the second place English language essay and to the author of the second place French language essay.

Out of a total of 100 points, essays will be judged (75 points) on originality of thought and research and understanding of subject matter and quality of argument. For 25 points, essays will be judged on style and form.

In celebration of Law Day (April 17) the Canadian Bar Association is also sponsoring an essay contest for secondary school students.

The topic chosen is "Why/How Does The Law Need You?" Essays must be submitted by March 1.

If any secondary students of law and their teachers are interested in further information and wish to participate they can write to Law Day Essay Contest, Suite 201, 2409 Yonge St., Toronto M4P 2E7.

Judge Marvin Zuker, co-chairman of Law Day Ontario can also be contacted about the contests at (416) 965-3715.

Any organization which plans to have a speaker on April 17 to discuss Law Day and its significance should contact Judge Zuker or get in touch with their local bar association.

Racism forum

OTTAWA —
The question of racial discrimination in Canada will be explored at a community forum Sunday, Jan. 15 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion Fauteux, University of Ottawa.

The forum, entitled Pride and Prejudice: Beneath the Ethnic Mosaic in Canada, is sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council, the Christian Council of the Capital Area, The Citizen and the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa.

Panelists include Victor Goldbloom, president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews; and Gordon Fairweather, chief commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. Moderator is Paddy Sherman, publisher of the Citizen.

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Pegasus firm flies with Countess Mara fashions

TORONTO —

Some 25 years ago, Hy Balsky, president of Wings Neckwear, obtained the Countess Mara name for Canada for men's ties. His venture with ties was so successful that Wings Neckwear began a shirt division under the Pegasus name and used the Countess Mara label for men's shirts.

The recent decision to move into Countess Mara ladies' wear was based on the knowledge that 70% of men's wear shopping is done by women and, therefore, the name Countess Mara already had a strong presence in this new market.

Also, the company realized that its experience and expertise in manufacturing men's wear could easily be applied to classic ladies' fashion.

Moving into this area of women's fashion, Hy Balsky joined forces with three associates — Paul Silvertown, Mel Leader and Mel Margolese — to form a company operating as Pegasus of Canada.

Unlike the previous licensing arrangements in the men's wear division, the license for Countess Mara ladies' wear (shirts, shirt dresses, skirts, and sweaters) covers sales and distribution in major Canadian U.S. markets.

In the U.S., Countess Mara ladies' wear is sold to over 300 accounts.

In Canada, Pegasus also manufactures ladies' wear expressly for such fashion stores as Holt Renfrew, Harry Rosen, Creeds, Simon's (Quebec City), Your Choice, Sportables, Lipton's, Edward Chapman (Vancouver), Henry Singer (Edmonton), and Colwell Bros. (Halifax).

Smartly defined details and refined elegance are evident in the Countess Mara spring 84 ladies' collection.

New emphasis is found in contrasting collars, band collars, double collars and cuffs. High neckbands with floppy bows, and the new fuller sleeve add feminine touches.

Shirring, pleats and hidden front button closures are important features. Madras, awning striping and pastel colorations are highlighted in natural fibres.

The Countess Mara spring shirt collection falls into three categories — classic, regatta and country club.

Classics are available in 100% cotton and cotton blends and range from $50-$60. They are also available in silks.

The regatta style conveys a town-and-country, sporty day look and comes in stripes, plaids and checks. These are available in 100% cotton and cotton blends and retail between $40-$60. Silks sell from $85-$120.

Tailored elegant sportswear best describes the country club line. It comes in natural fibres and silks. The price range is $40-$60 for the former and $85-$120 for the latter.

Countess Mara shirts, made in Canada, are distinguished by: single-needle construction throughout the garments; 2-piece top-fused collars, top-fused cuffs, and plackets using woven cotton Swiss underlinings. Yokes and tails are on every garment.

The sleeves are longer than average, with 2-button adjustable cuffs.

All shirts have seven buttons down the front and an extra button sewn inside.

Bengal stripe shirt from Countess Mara is 100% cotton and comes in navy, tan, wine, gray, red, kelly and yellow.

Leather sweatshirts not your basic fare

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Brian Rash likens sweatshirts to penny loafers. They're always in style and can range in price from $6 to $600.

Rash's tricolored suede football jerseys in red, green and blue are not your basic sweatshirts. They're made of soft sheep leather and can be co-ordinated with matching bomber jackets, vests and pants.

The price is not low.

Each sweatshirt sells for $350 wholesale at Convertibles, a 9-month-old men's sweater company operated by Rash, 23, and his partner, Roger Edwards, 35.

Sheep, lamb and lizard skin is imported from London, and design and manufacturing is done in the Convertibles plant at Queen and Parliament.

Rash and Edwards produce 20 different styles of pants, jackets and vests, which are geared for year-round wear. Price range is between $295 and $595 and all garments can be ordered from the showroom (phone number 366-2501).

See fashion photograph on page 27.

Men's wear predominates at Convertibles but there are also three of four women's styles, such as a $950 Alaskan seal-lined lambskin vest with silk applique.

Convertibles is negotiating with larger department stores and specialty shops in the U.S. and Canada. The merchandise has already been sold at Wilk's in San Francisco and at Jerry Magnin's in Beverly Hills.

But Rash and Edwards see themselves as "uniquely Canadian."

"Canada is bombarded by European labels and we feel our products are just as good if not better," said Edwards.

The partners view their products as individual art pieces rather than mass-manufactured goods. They pride themselves on their vivid colors — bright purples, reds and greens.

Rash and Edwards do the designing and three employees with specialized training in leather do the cutting and sewing. Spring 84 styles are now being shown.

In March, Convertibles will be promoting in New York at a U.S. trade show. And the company will be profiled in the February active wear issue of Gentleman's Quarterly, a men's wear magazine.

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Sweathearts highlight comfort of apres sweat wear

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO — Debbie Rosberg and Diana Bennett have developed a line of women's casual wear — Sweathearts — that combines the comfort and affordability of the sweatsuit craze — with attractive and versatile styling.

The partners observed that women were getting tired of wearing confining clothes and yet unwilling to be seen in often unflattering, shapeless but always comfortable track suits.

What was needed, they decided, was a smart line of attractive, moderately-priced, versatile coordinates with an active look. And so came Sweathearts — for "apres sweat."

Their store at 366 Eglinton Ave. [just west of Avenue Rd.] offers a wide variety of cotton and wool jersey knit garments. They come in a soft 80% acrylic and 20% wool jersey combination and a sturdy half-and-half cotton and polyester blend. [The poly/cotton interlock jersey is a 12-oz. weight for fall/winter and an 8 oz. weight for spring/summer.]

Rosberg explains the name of shop

Explaining the name of their shop, Rosberg said: "Our initial plan was to focus more on fleece garments, but we realized that trend will soon die out. We're not strictly into jogging wear because that's been covered."

She pointed out that Sweatheart doesn't sell swimsuits or dancercise wear but has some sweatsuits, and will be getting in new 2- and 3-piece poly/cotton sweat outfits in February.

Many garments in the store are geared for both work and evening wear while a number are good for lounging.

All the clothes are easy care — just machine wash in cold water inside out, and lay flat immediately to avoid ironing.

Rosberg and Bennett, former social workers and longtime friends, opened Sweathearts in response to what they saw as a lack of flattering and affordable casual women's clothing in Toronto. Their decision was motivated by a trip to the U.S. in 1971, where they observed a large number of women wearing sweat outfits on the street.

Said Rosberg: "We noted a general increase in stylish but comfortable clothing. U.S. fashion trends eventually move north so we began to focus on comfort wear. Our goal was to design for real women; we cater to anyone between 20 and 100."

A fashion career wasn't too foreign for Rosberg, because her family was involved in the retail end of the business and, in fact, had a department store in Niagara Falls.

But, with no practical experience in the clothing industry, the two women spent a year researching the kind of fashions they wanted to design.

Their first creation was a pair of lightweight cotton comfy pants with elastic at the waist and ankle.

When they opened the store last spring they featured a 30-piece coordinating wardrobe in eight colors [turquoise, hot pink, yellow, red, black, white, lilac and jade green] and a small sweatsuit line.

For spring, Sweathearts will carry walking shorts, three-quarter length pants, long pants, jackets, jumpsuits, shirts, dresses, shirts and a wide variety of tops in light taupe, salmon, soft yellow, pale pink, sea green, black, white and blueberry. A new line of 100% white cotton will also be featured.

January is sale month at the store and there will be 50% off all merchandise except for the wool jersey line which sells at 20% off. The sale is expected to continue in February, Rosberg said.

One of the big sellers for after exercising or apres sweat is a cotton/poly pant with elastic bottom and waist without the bagginess of fleece. It can be teamed with a color block top with push-up sleeves, full shoulder and shirring throughout the waist.

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Going south means new wardrobe

Muted colors make up Quiet Revolution in clothes

Fashion authority SAUL KORMAN reports regularly to The CJN on current fashion trends. Korman is president of Korry's Clothiers to Gentlemen, in Toronto.

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I love Canada: the people, the scenery, the easy lifestyle . . . but sometimes, the weather really gets to me. This is the time of the year when most of us have plans for a winter break . . . and where better to go than down south, with those gentle sea breezes and bright, balmy beaches beckoning?

Now admittedly, there are places where you can go and not wear **any** clothing, but for those of us in the Modest Majority, going south usually means buying a whole new summer wardrobe.

This year, with the Quiet Revolution taking place in fashion, it's important to remember to buy only muted colors — white and pearl gray linens, understated accessories. And also remember to buy according to the type of resort you've chosen.

What am I talking about? I mean simply that different vacation spots require different dress . . . due to climatic conditions, customs and convention.

Take Florida, for instance — that haven for holidayseekers. Temperatures generally range anywhere from the mid-60s to the high 80s, with less humidity than you'll find in most southern climes. The weather can be unpredictable, and rain is fairly common.

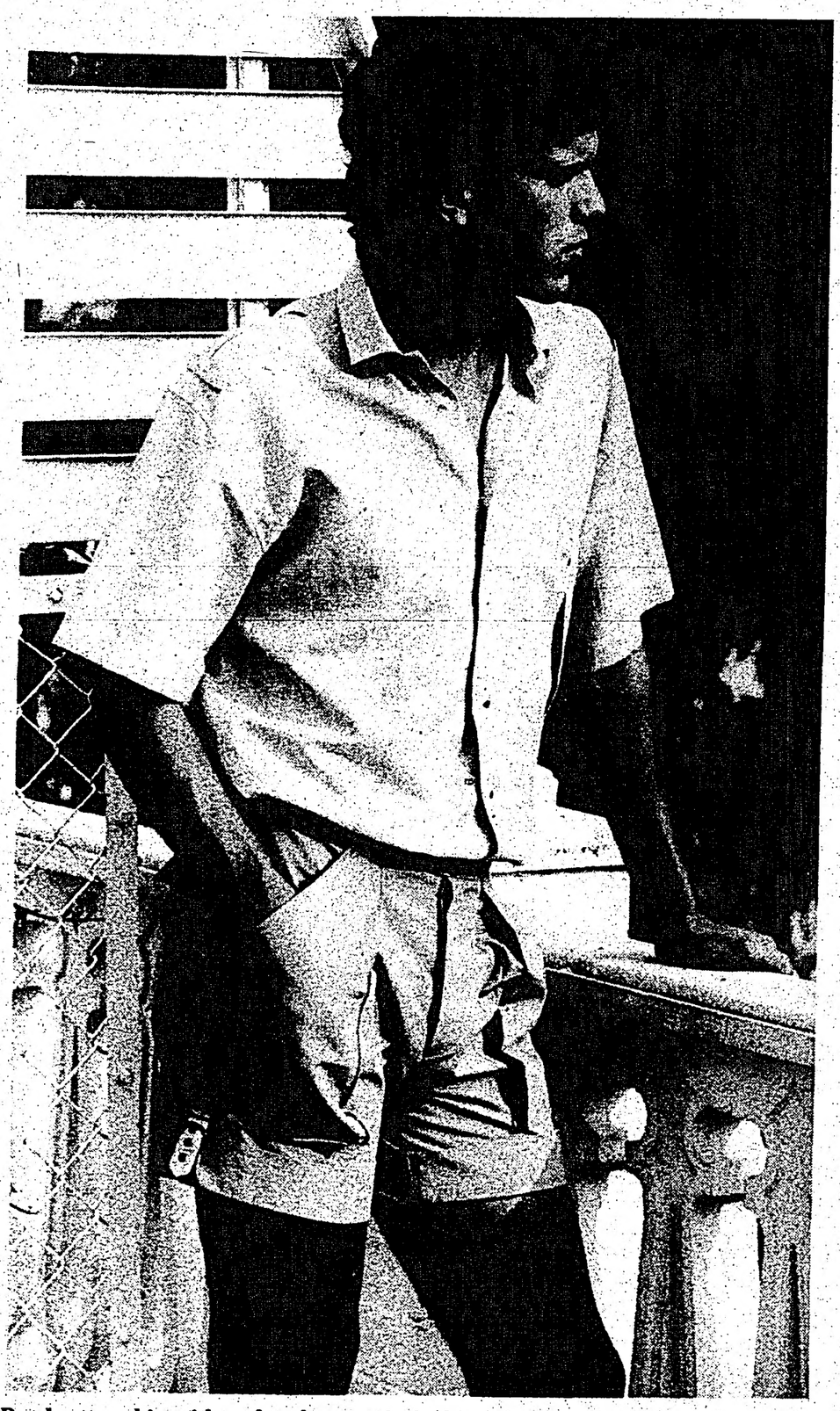
If you're packing for Florida, take along some *cotton knit* sweaters, slacks and a windbreaker . . . just in case. As in most resorts, casual dress is standard; at best for an evening out, you'll need a sports jacket, slacks and an open-necked shirt.

Mexico calls for a different attitude altogether towards dress. It can get very hot, with mercury levels between 80 and 90, often accompanied by overpowering humidity. The demand there is for natural fabrics that "breathe," like 100% cotton or silk.

Unfortunately, however, you'll find that as the humidity increases, so do the creases in your clothes. While, say, cotton drill pants are the coolest garb for a night on the town, you'll find they'll need constant attention. Less comfortable, but more practical, would be a more wrinkle-resistant cotton and polyester blend — it's also easier to pack.

Sports jackets and sweaters are definitely out; shorts, a sport shirt and sandals make up the uniform for Mexico.

The Caribbean differs again from both Florida and Mexico. Temperatures are still in the 80s and 90s, but the heat is modified by the trade winds. It's not as humid as Mexico and the rainfall is considerably less than in Florida.



Dyed cotton shirt with raglan sleeves, slashed epaulettes and pocket; khaki cuffed walking shorts with deep kangaroo pockets. Just right for vacation wear.

For me, it's paradise, and the Garden of Eden must surely be the Island of St. Maarten, in the Netherlands Antilles, just off Puerto Rico, I go there nearly every year, staying at the luxurious Mullet Bay Beach Hotel, on the seaside of the island.

Picture, if you will, a pristine beach of soft white sand stretching for miles beside crystal clear water, palm trees waving gently in the wind, sun beating down — and it'll be mine, all mine, for 10 lovely days in January.

For any of the Caribbean islands, you should pack a good selection of shorts and sports shirts, light slacks and sweaters. Add in a blue blazer and light linen shirt for good measure, as the continental heritage of the islands tends to lend a more traditional tone to an evening.

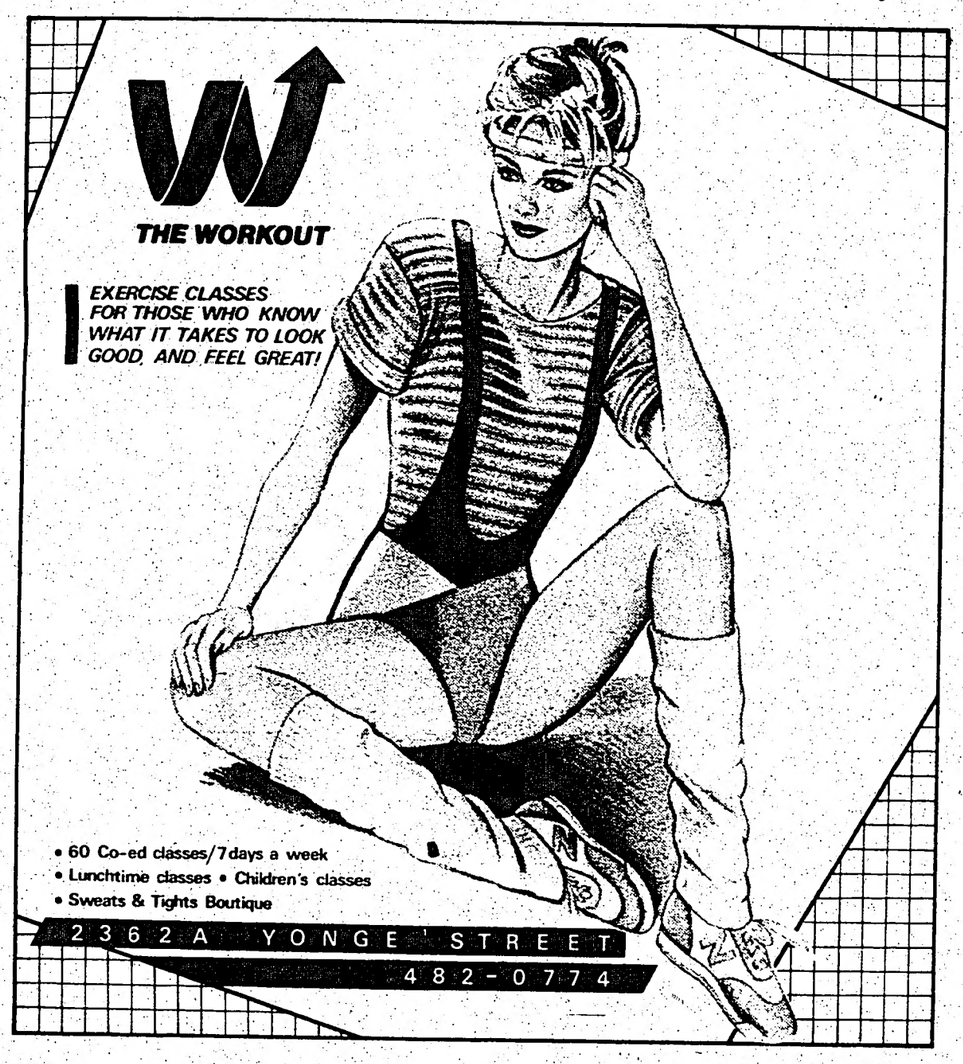
A wise idea when traveling anywhere is to make a check list of articles to pack. Here are my criteria for a fully rounded vacation wardrobe:

- At least one pair of walking shorts in tan or khaki, cuffed and pleated.
- Several T-shirts, sports shirts, jersey pullovers and cotton knit sweaters.
- At least one pair of light cotton trousers.
- A pair of soft leather deck shoes and/or sandals for casual wear, light tennis shoes for beachwear (you'll know what I mean if you've stepped on coral in your bare feet).
- Swimming trunks, with a terry beachcoat or baggy cotton blouson for covering up.
- A hat — preferably Panama straw, with a wide brim to shade your eyes and make you look mysterious.
- A blue blazer.

OR, if you **really** want to get fancy . . .

- A silk suit.
- One silk tie (just in case you're invited to the captain's table of Rockefeller's beach house).
- An over-the-shoulder soft-sided carryall — much nicer than slinging accoutrements around your neck or clutching them in your hands.

One last adjuration: enjoy your vacation — if you're anything like me, you deserve it!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Silver Spoon nibblers a hit with sophisticated noshers

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

If you're thinking of opening a fine food specialty shop, Kathy Goodman offers you a vital tip.

It's a good idea, she says, if you have as a supplier a step mother-in-law like Diana Goodman, who is a former president of the Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood and has a reputation as one of the finest amateur cooks in Forest Hill.

Diana Goodman is one of the suppliers responsible for the phenomenal holiday trade enjoyed by former nutritionist Kathy Goodman last month when she opened her Silver Spoon fine food speciality shop at 382 Bloor St. W., a block and a half west of Spadina (telephone 925-5488).

Her step mother-in-law prepared, under the Silver Spoon label, a number of appetizers for noshers which were instant best sellers.

One homemade sellout, which went for $3 for a half-pound container, was a white albicore tuna "nibbler," also containing tiny sweet pickles, chili sauce, onions and olives.

In addition, her mother-in-law prepared sweet nutty Silver Spoon nibblers that sold for $6.95 per large container. Among them were a sugar-and-spice almond mixture, curried mixed nuts and Oriental mixed nuts.

"Our customers were nuts about them," says Kathy Goodman, 30, a slim, 5-foot-2½ former nutritionist at Baycrest Hospital, who is herself a gifted cook.

After marrying Raymond Goodman, director of merchandising for Loblaws, she switched to the retail field, managing Dinah's Cupboard food speciality shop on Cumberland.

"I saw the need for a neighborhood fine food store that could sell nutritious, locally-made specialty items at either one-third or half the price charged for imports from New York," she says.

Kathy Goodman

She cited as an example the apricot jam, quince jelly and Seville orange marmalade freshly preserved for her without artificial pectins by Rachel Van Nostrand, an accomplished cook she discovered in St. Ann's in the Niagara Peninsula.

"I sell them for $5.25," she says. "And, in my opinion, they're great Canadian jams — much better and cheaper than similar delicacies that would cost $12 to $13 if brought in from New York."

Her $25,000 investment in Silver Spoon (fashioned rather like the successful Silver Palate specialty shop in Manhattan) was scraped together from her savings plus money borrowed from the bank. Three assistants help her vend the 200 different kinds of specialty foods, which include a variety of 40 cheeses, 20 coffees, and sinfully rich chocolate truffles at 75 cents each and seductively wicked walnut-topped chocolate brownies at $1 a generous slice, which are both created by Ilesa and Marilyn Tennebaum.

Her most expensive item? French black Perigord truffles flown in from France, selling at $1 a gram.

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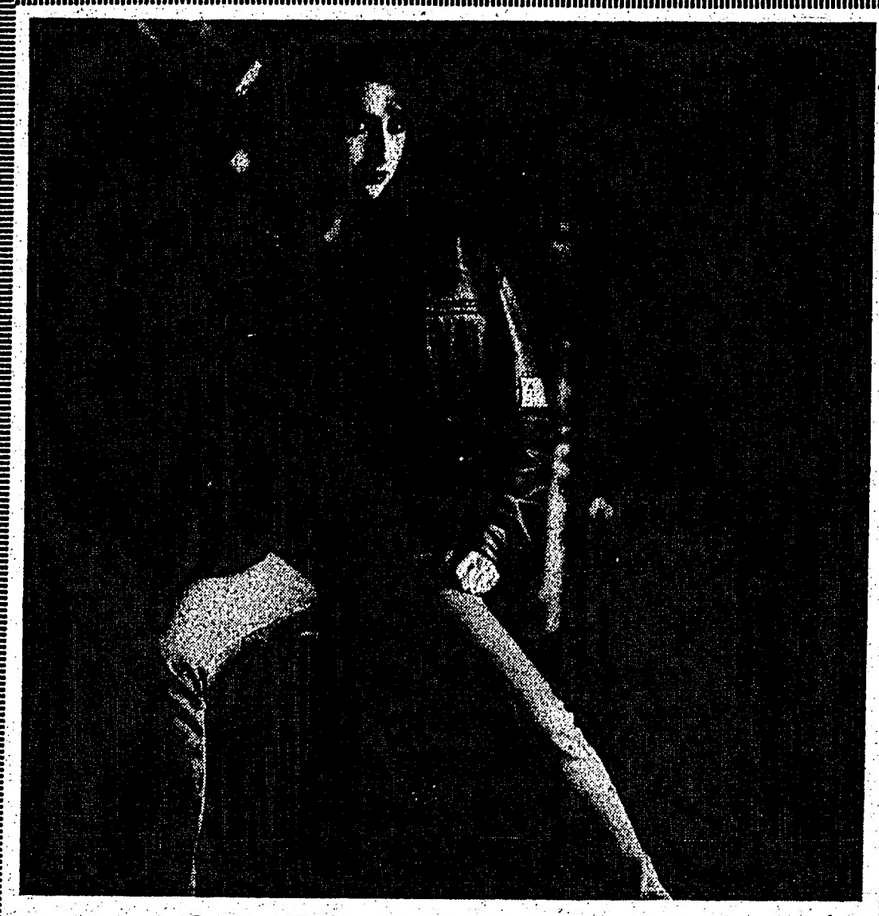

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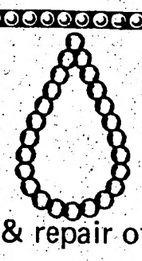

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Variety of cruisewear lines perfect for pregnant women

TORONTO —

Cruisewear lines are currently featured in many local fashion stores and maternity boutiques are also getting large shipments of this merchandise.

Florence Farr, owner of the fashionable Maternally Yours on Cumberland St. said her cruisewear items will be in by mid-January and include a 100% cotton knit group with fashion pants, tops, culottes and shorts in lilac, yellow, and pink.

Also in the cruisewear collection is a group of Indian-dyed cottons.

In addition, there are desert-style cotton dresses in vibrant shades like turquoise and magenta.

Spring is strong in pastels, according to Farr, and her store will carry a variety of linen jumpers and 100% cotton T-shirts, culottes, shorts and cropped pants next season.

One of the newest items at Maternally Yours is a selection of lycra stretch and cotton stretch body suits made in Montreal. The suits come in contrasting stripes in gray and mauve, gray and aqua, and gray and yellow, and can be paired with pastel tights (mauve, aqua and yellow).

Body suits and matching rights sell in the $30-$40 range and are worthwhile purchases, Farr contends, as exercise during pregnancy is said to be good for the toning of the body.

Farr especially emphasizes the benefits of swimming during pregnancy. The store has a number of 1-piece swimsuits in the $30-$60 range and some 2-piecers in lycra. They come in vibrant stripes, soft patterns and muted colors.

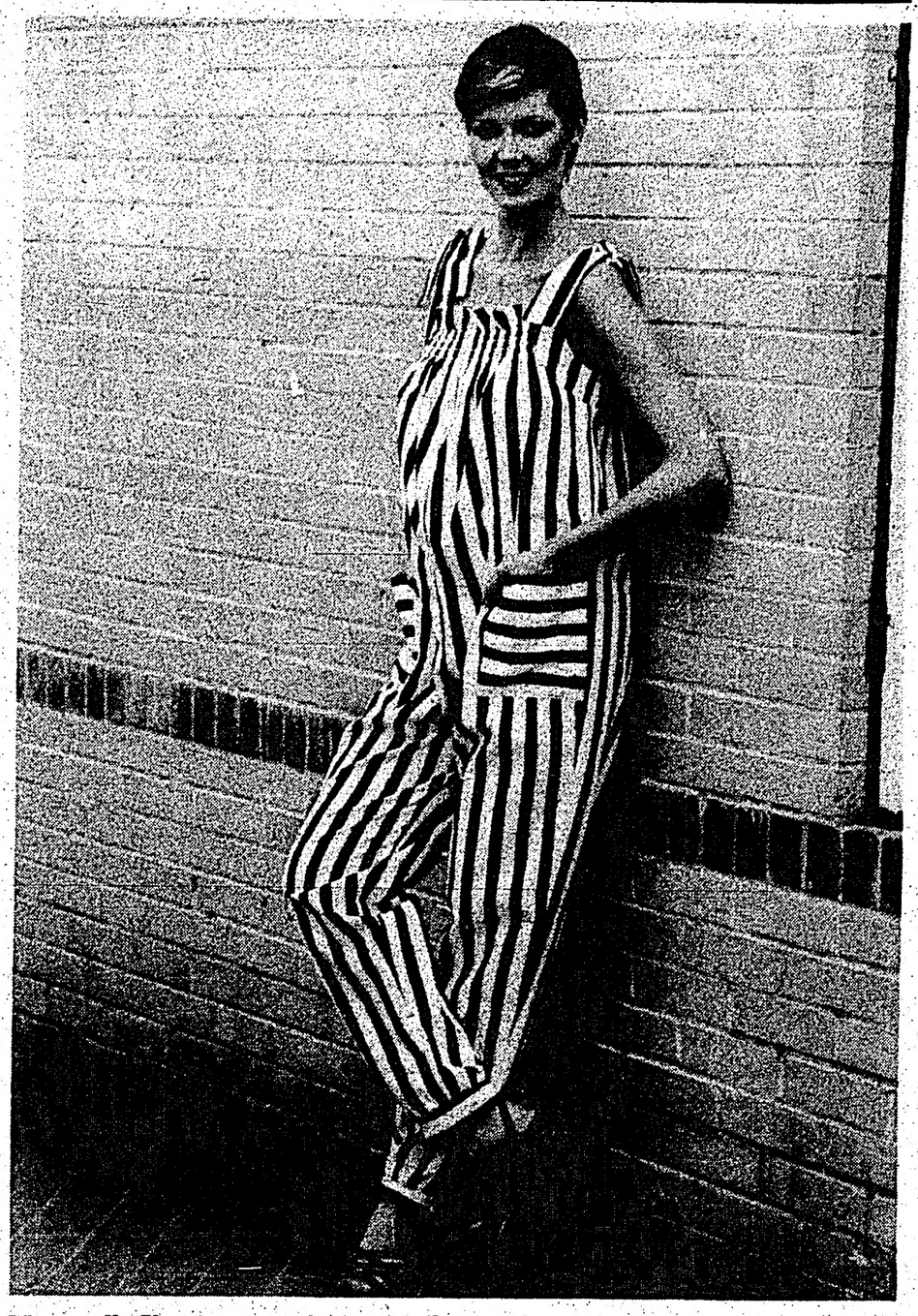
Maternally Yours carries its own designed sweatsuits at $69. Other Canadian-made brands sell for $45 and imports cost $130.

As well, there's a large selection of pantyhose and lingerie.

Winter wear is still abundant at Maternally Yours. Sweaters this month (January) are 25% off and corduroy jumpers are half price and range between $35-$65.

There's also a variety of shirts which are half price (they sell from $23-$54). Turtlenecks and shirts are half price and sweatsuits are 25% off.

Sizes range from 4-16 at this store. According to Farr, women generally go up a size during pregnancy. **T.K.**



Maternally Yours new cruisewear collection features jumpsuits, including this number in red and white awning stripes, buttoned leg cuff, shoulder ties, patch pockets and smocking at square neckline.

Wine guide aims at penny pincher

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

A new wine guide, designed for penny pinchers, has hit Toronto bookstores and though it should delight buyers, it may not have the same effect on the world's wineries.

Lucy Waverman's, The Penny Pincher's Wine Guide [Avaon Books, $6], is a handbook for shoppers scouring liquor store bins, but includes some interesting recipes as well.

Waverman simplifies consumers' selection by dividing wines into categories, countries of origin and providing comments on bouquet, taste, clarity, overall quality and which go best with certain foods.

The book includes a review of over 600 wines under $8 and many are scathing. Comments include: "Best with hot dogs," or "suitable for salami and eggs."

The guide also has a best-buy list of 80 imported and domestic wines, including 10 "super buys" and a Canadian best-buy list of wines both over and under $6.

Waverman, 41, of Toronto, holds an advanced certificate from the Cordon Bleu Cooking School in London, is a food columnist for Toronto Life Magazine, has her own weekly radio show Home on the Range on CHFI-FM and runs her own cooking school out of her Forest Hill home.

A member of Holy Blossom Synagogue, she is married to a lawyer.

Gente's features unusual leather

TORONTO —

If you're looking for an unusual leather gift this winter, Gente's may be the place to shop.

The Yorkville Ave. store has every conceivable shape and size of wallet, including ultra-thin credit card holders of such leathers as gnu, eelskin, elephant skin and lambskin.

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Arts

Daniel Domb to perform

Cello sonata conveys essence of shtetl religious soul

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

Srul Irving Glick's Sonate Hebraique for Solo Cello, recently premiered at a CBC noon-hour Church of the Holy Trinity concert by Toronto Symphony lead cellist Daniel Domb, is probably his best and most evocative composition to date.

Commissioned by Domb, who plans to play this 4-movement sonata in many cities and concert halls, Glick's piece conveys the essence of the East European Jewish shtetl religious soul through both liturgical and folk motifs.

The sonata gets better as it goes on. While the first movement is a pleasant fluid adaptation of a folk standard, the following movements, which are wholly original, contain the highlights.

The slow second movement features highly innovative development of abstract variations on liturgical cadences by means of distinctive mildly-dissonant cello intervals. The slow third movement is a more straightforward searing melody.

But it is the fast fourth movement, a captivating chassidic - nigun - waltz, which gives this sonata its definitive imprint. Undoubtedly, wherever Daniel Domb performs this piece, featuring some of his most fluidly robust tonalities to date, it will prove popular.

There will be plenty of opportunities for exposure of this sonata as Daniel Domb will be involved in many upcoming concert activities.

In March, he will be presented as soloist with the Toronto Symphony on its Florida tour, playing the Brahms Double Concerto with Steven Staryk.

Next season he will be appearing with the TSO in Strauss' Don Quixote.

In addition, he is planning the release of a 3-record album of the complete Bach Suites for solo cello this year.

And next year a major Canadian tour with pianist Patricia Parr is planned with appearances scheduled in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Montreal and Ottawa.

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Toronto composer Milton Barnes returns to the Music Gallery, 30 St. Patrick St. (near Queen at University), Jan. 21 at 9 p.m. in a fuill-length special concert of original music composed for theatre and film. Instrumental, choral and ballet music is performed live in solo and ensemble compositions, with several of the selections presented on tape.

Incidental music composed between 1952 and 1982 for three of the world's greatest plays are represented:

Daniel Domb

Brecht's Galileo, Strindberg's Miss Julie, and Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. The Pittsburgh Press praised Barnes' incidental music for Galileo as being "worthy of Hollywood's best period spectacles."

Participating musicians will be violinist Joseph Peleg, pianist Judith Kenedi-Peleg, guitarist Allen Torok, oboist Karen Rotenberg, flautist Barbara Ackerman, harpsichordist Eliza Beth Keenen, violist Rhyll Peel, cellist Esther Gartner, accordionist Joseph Macerollo, actress-singer Sherry Flett, and, last but not least, Milton's two sons Daniel on percussion and Micah as actor-singer. The composer will act as host and commentator.

This will be the first time that Milton's sons Daniel and Micah will be performing guest artists. Many of the musicians have been associated with Milton in the past: for example, Esther Gartner has performed his Lamentations of Jeremiah for Solo Cello in a CBC recital series.

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Probably the most sucessful recent Soviet-Jewish classical music emigre, pianist Bella Davidovich, performs the Grieg Concerto with the Toronto Symphony Jan. 18-19 at Roy Thomson Hall.

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Israel's two top singers of today, Ofra Haza and Arik Sinai, performed to enthusiastic capacity New York audiences in late December. Had some Toronto entrepreneur been on his toes, they could have easily also performed here . . . with the same rave results.

Brooks film pulls off feat of making Nazism a farce

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

How can you laugh when civilization as we know it is collapsing under the weight of Nazism?

Ask Mel Brooks and company.

Brooks, the irrepressible comedian, and Anne Bancroft, no mean farceur herself, team up in To Be Or Not To Be and the result is predictable: pure, unadulterated slapstick.

Does Warsaw under the occupation of the Nazis lend itself to farce? You would not ordinarily think so. But Brooks, of Blazing Saddles fame, manages to pull off this unlikely feat.

It would be impossible to advance the claim that To Be Or Not To Be is uproarious all the time. In fact, it is not. Some of the situations are just too inherently serious for humor, and Brooks' attempts to make light of them show blatantly.

On balance, however, Brooks sustains the laughter.

To Be Or Not To Be, now playing in Toronto, is a remake of Ernst Lubitsch's 1942 classic, which starred Jack Benny and Carole Lombard. Edwin Mayer's old script has been reworked with skill by Thomas Meehan and Ronny Graham, so that To Be Or Not To Be is just about as frothy and effervescent as it was 42 years ago.

Swirling around ridiculous plots and counterplots in Warsaw, circa 1939, the film is infused by the energies of that talented duo, Brooks and Bancroft.

Playing the parts of Frederick and Anna Bronski, lead actors in their own theatre, Brooks and Bancroft carry To Be Or Not To Be. Good performances are also registered by Charles Durning, as a Nazi colonel, and by James Haake, as a fawning homosexual . . . but Brooks and Bancroft are clearly the stars.

They establish their presence very quickly, in the opening frame, as they prance upon a brightly lit stage, singing Sweet Georgia Brown in Polish.

Brooks, attired in tails and a false, rakish moustache, brings back Art Deco memories of the 1930s. Bancroft, in a clinging, slinky silver dress, exudes a kind of sexuality which any warm-blooded man would find irresistible.

Bancroft, as the flirtatious Anna, attracts the wide-eyed attention of Andre Sobinski (Tim Matheson), a Polish flyer who romances her behind the back of Frederick Bronski, a conceited actor whom no one regards seriously.

The plot thickens when Sobinski, on duty in Britain, is sent back to Warsaw to unmask the activities of a supposed Polish patriot who is actually a German spy.

The antics which ensue are sometimes very funny, despite a backdrop of Nazi persecution of Jews. And Brooks, who is called upon to play Hitler and the Polish traitor, Siletski, is in fine fettle as the film unfolds.

Despite its complexity, the script is excellent. Ernst Lubitsch would probably have approved of it.

There are moments, particularly in the first 40 minutes, when To Be Or Not To Be falters and threatens not to live up to the promise of the original version.

But if you bear with it, you will grin.

Marceau assistant to perform

TORONTO —

Yanci, the "talking mime," will make his Canadian debut at the Premiere Dance Theatre at Harbourfront on Friday, Jan. 20 and Saturday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m.

The Hungarian-born performer had been spotted by Marcel Marceau while in a 1972 Commedia Dell'Arte production in Chicago. He was asked to join Marceau as an assistant-collaborator, which led to him becoming a performing partner with the great mime as they performed in major theatres throughout the world.

In 1980, Yanci left Marceau to tour a 1-man show of his own which was a success throughout Europe and the United States.

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Pianist praises young cellist for her power to bend music

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

For pianist Shaya Petroff, music has always been a love.

Yet he never dreamed that, at age 39, he would be catapulted onto the professional concert stage accompanying internationally acclaimed cellist Ofra Harnoy on a North American tour.

"Ofra and I first met two years ago through a mutual friend, a violinist in the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra," says Petroff, now 40. "I was flattered when she asked me to accompany her in a recital later in the season."

As her accompanist, Petroff last year joined 18-year-old Harnoy on tour to Ottawa, Montreal (at a gala banquet held in honor of conductor Zubin Mehta by the Friends of Hebrew University), Manitoba and Puerto Rico.

He describes her music as "intuitive," and says that she has "an unswerving talent that has the power to bend music to suit her personality. She's original and inventive."

That initial encounter spawned a personal as well as a professional triumph for Petroff, who is now collaborating with two other young musicians, pianist Yuval Fichman and Barry Shiffman, a violinist.

In his bright living room, flanked by two pianos stacked high with sheet music, Petroff appears reflective. On the wall hang several original music manuscripts purchased on a trip to Spain back in 1966.

He grew up in Toronto in a traditionally Jewish household where classical music was enjoyed and encouraged. Neither of his parents, the late Izzie Petroff, an electrician, and mother Annie, were musically trained, but they noticed in their son, Shaya, innate talent.

At the age of 5, he recalls coming home from hearing La Traviata and then sitting down at the piano and playing parts of the opera by ear.

At the age of 6, piano lessons began, and Petroff later became a scholarship student at the Royal Conservatory of Music. He studied with the late Alberta Guerrero, Glenn Gould's teacher, and Swiss-born Pierre Souvairan.

However, at the age of 12, he knew he didn't want to become a full-time professional musician. "It would be like living in an illusion. There were so few top calibre musicians who seemed to succeed. How would I know that I would be one of them?"

So, Petroff put his classical training on the back burner while he won a Masters degree in computer science from the University of Toronto and an MBA from York University.

Today, he works as a systems analyst, and his wife, Esther, is also a trained systems analyst. Their three children, Adina, 12, David, 10, and Tamara, 8, attend the Associated Hebrew Schools and have, in their father, a devoted and patient piano teacher.

"We encourage our children to love classical music, which they probably learn through osmosis," says Esther, who cannot remember not playing classical music tapes during mealtime. "They haven't discovered rock music yet."

Their home is a hubbub of music activity where many high calibre musicians who have trained all over the world come to practice. The Petroffs have entertained violinists Hratch and Mariko Mannoukian (former members of the Tehran Chamber Orchestra), Wang Fu Chan, Moshe Hammer and Nate Greenberg, a member of the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra.

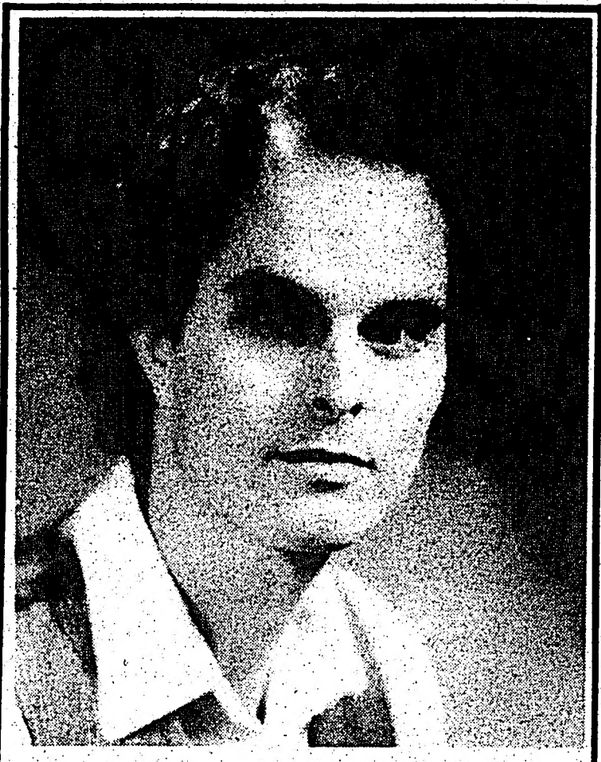
Petroff is also deeply concerned about environmental, energy conservation and health-related issues. A staunch believer in proper eating habits, Petroff has launched a new project this past year: a smoking cessation program.

Keeping the classes small and intensive, he formulated a program in conjunction with input from physicians, sociologists and psychologists. And he claims it works.

"I am committed to emancipating smokers from their deadly habit. I stress positive reinforcement, avoid scare tactics, and use visual aids," says Petroff, who will be addressing members of his congregation, Shaarei Shomayim, this month.

If you are a habitual smoker and seriously wish to stop, Shaya Petroff can be reached at [416] 447-0019 during the day or evenings.

Ofra Harnoy and Shaya Petroff backstage after performance.



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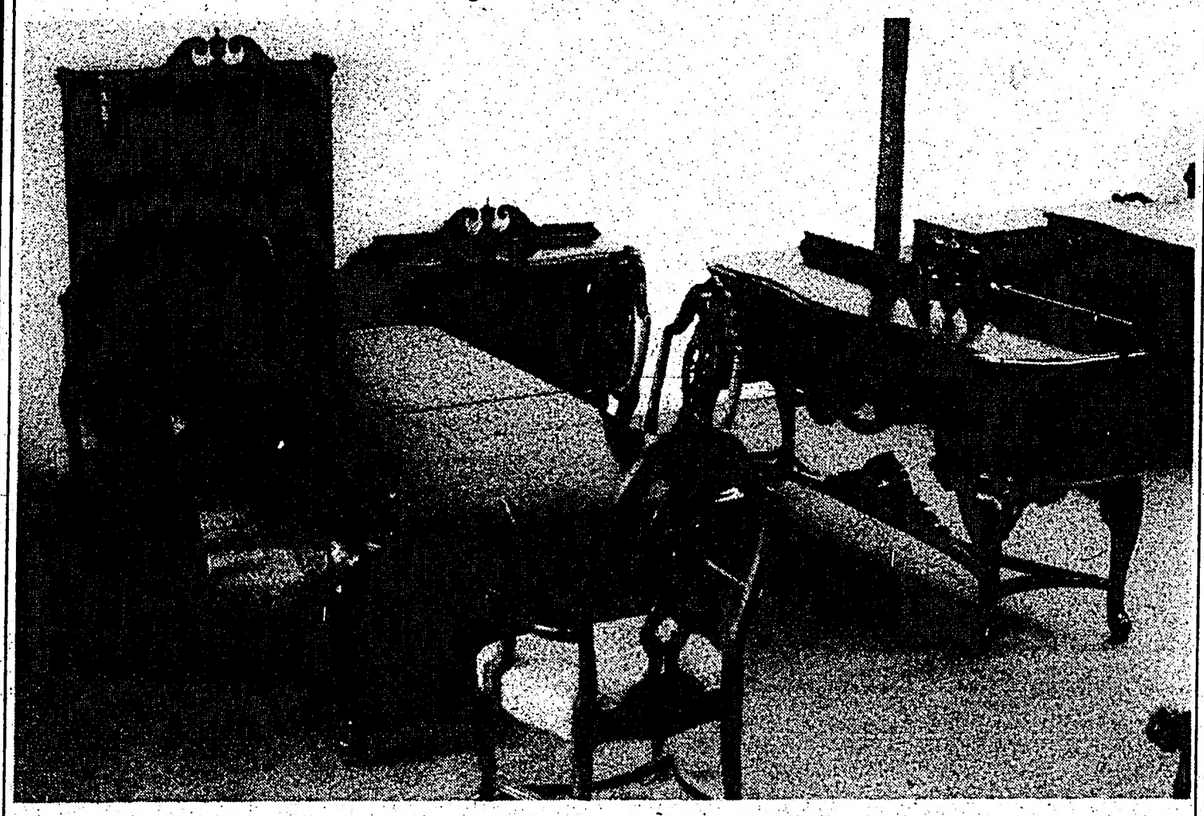

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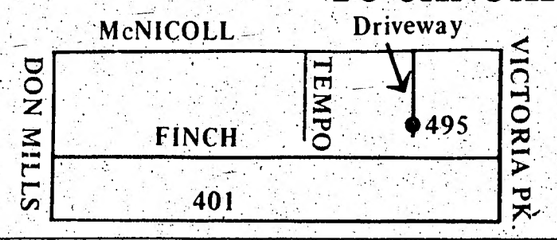

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Arts

Pianist will receive award from Temple Sinai

Yuval Fichman to feature pieces by Israeli composer

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO — The first presentation of the annual prestigious Temple Sinai Musical Legacy Award, connoting outstanding contribution to serious Jewish music, will be presented to the young Toronto pianist Yuval Fichman Feb. 24 when he performs Four Short Pieces for Piano by Israeli composer Sergiu Shapira.

This composition, written by a professor at the Rubin Academy in Jersualem, Israel's foremost music conservatory, blends innovative creation with a semi-classical sensibility which should convey a listenable musicality. Fichman describes it as being "like Prokofiev but more classical: charming and descriptive."

The first piece, entitled Morning, is a charming staccato with strong influences from contemporary Israeli songs. The second piece, Fun in Field, is quicker and happy. This is followed by the slow movement which is entitled Sad Event. Concluding is a more contemporary, of course original, but equally whimsical Flight of the Bumblebee.

The first movement is the one with the most identifiably Jewish influence.

This is the first contemporary Israeli composition that has been performed by Yuval Fichman, who is one of Canada's outstanding younger pianists. Since winning a Canadian Music Competition special award several years back, he has performed with most of the country's top orchestras, including the Toronto Symphony.

He has played for Jewish communal events in the past, such as for Hadassah and the Anne Frank Foundation.

When asked whether he would perform this piece at mainstream functions outside the Jewish communal context, Fichman replied that he would play it at Town Hall "but it is not my first priority."

His repertoire priorities remain most of the German and Viennese composers, from Haydn and Mozart, through Beethoven, to Brahms.

He believes that each work should have its own specific atmosphere of interpretation. He conceives of piano compositions as if he were conducting a full orchestra. And when he plays the lyrical works of Robert Schumann, he envisions himself leading a multi-voice choir.

His favorite concept is that of comparing musical tones to colors. "I like experimenting with colors, nuances, and subtle dynamic changes. But I don't want to sound contrived."

Yuval Fichman was born in Israel but came to Toronto with his parents at the age of 2. He would love to perform in Israel, but so far, nobody has invited him to play there, he says.

Yuval Fichman

Play details life in jail

Lawyer subjected to brutal treatment

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Albie Sachs, a Jewish lawyer in Capetown, was active in the fight against repressive measures of the South African government. In 1963, at the age of 28, he was arrested under the infamous 90-day law during which time no charges had to be preferred against him.

He was released on the 91st day and immediately re-arrested.

On day 168 he was suddenly released and made a 6-mile run to the sea to celebrate his freedom.

Two years later he was re-arrested under a new 180-day law.

The man who had refused to answer any questions two years earlier, broke this time after 21 hours of sleep deprivation, and gave police a statement. (Now 48, and married to Stefanie Kemp, who was also detained in Capetown, Albie Sachs is a lecturer in law at the University of Mozambique in Maputo and still active in African refugee resettlement work.)

This is the background of The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs, a play about real people and real events, running at Toronto Workshop Productions until Jan. 22, and starring R. H. Thomson as the young Jewish lawyer. It was written by British playwright David Edgar, who adapted Nicholas Nickleby for the stage.

The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs would be far more effective as journalism than as a dramataic play, for the insights provided about the lawyer's incarceration are touching and genuine, but there is no plot as such, and the polemics which extend its length unduly are no adequate substitute.

Sachs was allowed no writing paper or books for 118 days. Finally, his legal colleagues were able to convince a judge that he should be.

Awkwardly clutching a pencil in his fingers, Sachs could do nothing more at first than make blobs on the paper. "I was afraid they would read inside my mind." But at least he was able to pass the time more easily, making up word games and his own version of "the quick brown fox," which was, "Beg crazy cops fix with vim quick end jail," — a total of 34 letters, and highly topical.

The methods of interrogation used against him are old hat by this time, but the finely observed details make good journalism.

The play is at its best when it details the ways Sachs found to cope with the inactivity, and when it brings on stage (Canadian) actor Maurice Evans as Snyman, the head of the second prison in which Sachs found himself. It is in the contradictions posed by Snyman's character and in the conversations the lawyer and this jailer had that the play has its finest moments.

These scenes make somewhat understandable Sachs' surprising statement that he hated the whip, but not the people who wielded the whip. Especially since, in the end, they made him stand in a small circle for 21 hours, and propped open his eyelids when he tried to sleep.

As the result of his treatment in jail, Sachs decided to leave South Africa and went to England. He collaborated on Island in Chains, a book about the experience of South African political prisoners on Robben Island.

He has been in Mozambique since 1976. His father, Solly Sachs, was a well known trade union organizer in Capetown.

Learning books help kids

The latest batch of children's books is reviewed here by Sheldon Kirshner.

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Canada's department of health and welfare has created an educational program to help children between the ages 6 to 10 develop self-confidence, inter-personal skills and peer understanding.

The Hole in the Fence, a 132-page color illustrated story book with vegetable characters, is not new, having first been published some years ago. But the teacher's guide has been revised, and the family guide is brand new.

The Hole in the Fence, which has apparently been used in classrooms with good results, is creative and straightforward. Children and teachers, no doubt, will find the material useful.

For information, get in touch with Barbara Helm, education and training unit, department of health and welfare (613) 996-1583.

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With the onset of winter, kids will have more time for reading. Penguin Books of Canada is ready to lend a helping hand.

Fairy Tales [$7.95] appeals to readers 9 and above. Terry Jones' tales, written especially to be read out loud, are literate and to the point, and will probably satisfy a wide variety of tastes.

Sloppy Kisses [$3.50], which is meant for the 5- to 6-year-old set, is an amusing story about a little girl who is convinced that kissing isn't so bad after all.

A Child's Book of Manners [$2.95] should have pride of place in any library. Helen Oxenbury and Fay Maschler provide ample, if funny, warnings to kids intent on upsetting their parents.

Bea and Mr. Jones [$3.50] is a delight. Bea is tired of kindergarten and wants a change. Her father is weary of running to the office early in the morning. They trade places, and the result is farcical. Children aged 6 to 7 will like this book.

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Arts

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—By BERNARD BASKIN

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Jake Geller's purchase of the Windsor News Company at 18 for $300 led to a half century of involvement in the publishing, periodical and distributing industry. Coming from a family of 13 children, he had to fend for himself at an early age — and he turned his first business enterprise into a surprising success.

Widely sought after in the United States and Canada for his boundless energy and fund of innovative ideas, he served as a newspaper circulation executive in Milwaukee, Boston and Chicago.

When the Chicago Sun was born, Jake struggled to win circulation for the newspaper in a city where the venerable and powerful Tribune threatened violence to Sun distributors.

Jake managed to garner enough evidence that would hold up in court to bring the mighty Tribune to its knees. "A meeting was arranged for 11 o'clock and was over almost before it began . . . Within minutes they agreed to call off their dogs. The distributors would be advised that they could sell whatever papers they wanted to, without fear of losing their existing franchise. I had finally licked the Trib!"

On several occasions he was passed over for the higher position he deserved for reasons that appeared flimsy and irrelevant. He doesn't say so, but anti-semitism seems the most likely reason. After one such episode, at 43, he joined the U.S. Navy as an able-bodied seaman. Over a period of 16 months in the Pacific theatre he was awarded nine battle stars. Eventually, he was discharged because he was considered too old for further combat duty.

In 1933 he brought out a magazine entirely devoted to cartoon strips. "I called it Comic Cuts and it was the first comic book on the North American continent." Alas, this was just a few years before the comic book craze which would have made him a millionaire, many times over.

One of the author's outstanding contributions was an ingenious system for the recovery and distribution of periodicals. Devised over a half century ago, it is still widely in use today.

An outspoken, feisty individual who is at the same time a proud Canadian of unquestioned probity, Geller takes to task one of Chicago's leading citizens, a business tycoon and a patron of the arts: "But to me he was just one more in a long line of people we meet in a lifetime who hide their true natures behind a public facade."

Immersed in Jewish and general communal activities, Jake is one of Windsor's most respected citizens. He has been awarded an honorary degree by the University of Windsor for his fund raising efforts. B'nai B'rith has declared him "Man of the Year" and he has been acclaimed at a Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner.

It is characteristic of the author's generosity that he has designated all royalties from this book to the Jewish National Fund and the Hebrew University. So, to buy and read It's Jake With Me is not only to share in the inspiring story of a colorful character . . . but also to perform a mitzvah.

London, Toronto probed

Books give readers mirror to cities

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Sometimes, if inspiration and fortune are with him, an artist can see through the soul of a city and hold it up as a mirror to the world.

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Two recently-published books on Toronto and London — **Toronto in Art [Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $40]** and **Hugh Casson's London [Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $27.95]** — are like mirrors to a reader looking for those qualities which make up a city in all its varied dimensions.

Handsome coffee table volumes, they explore and probe, enabling one to renew one's relationship with Toronto and London.

Toronto in Art, which was published to mark the 150th anniversary of the city, contains works by 130 artists, some of whose canvases have never been reproduced before. Represented here are paintings, watercolors, drawings, prints and woodblocks.

A critic might have reservations about some of the pictures, for a few are of an uneven quality. The majority, though, are of a superior calibre.

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All in all, Toronto in Art is a beautiful book, celebrating the growth of a most liveable city.

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Sir Hugh Casson, president of the prestigious Royal Academy since 1876, is a trained architect, and an accomplished watercolor painter.

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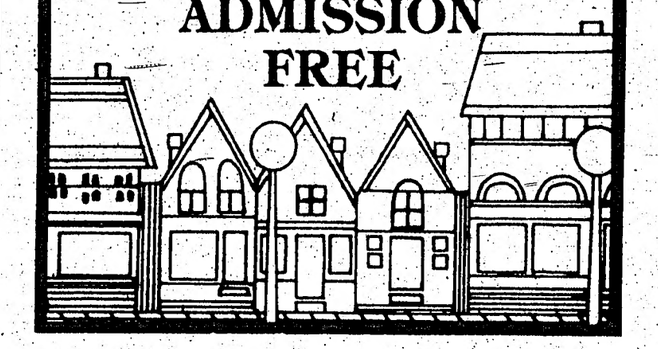

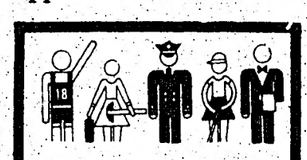

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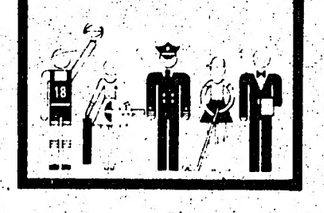

RRSPs can't be combined for one account, one annuity

By
MURRAY SHERR and
BUNNY BERGSTEIN

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*** Superannuation or pension benefits, payments from a deferred profit sharing plan and retiring allowances may be transferred directly, in whole or in part, to an RRSP.**

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Q. Both my wife and I have RRSPs. We are contemplating annuities very soon. Can we put our RRSP together as one amount and have one annuity?

A. No, this arrangement is not allowed. Each person who has an RRSP in his name must be the prime annuitant for the income arising from that RRSP. For income tax purposes the income belongs to, and is taxable to, the prime annuitant.

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Q. Can I have the $1,000 of pension Income Deduction at age 60, or must I wait until I am age 65?

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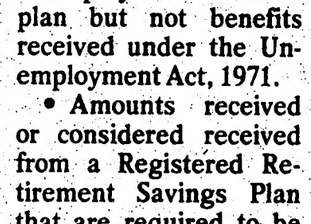

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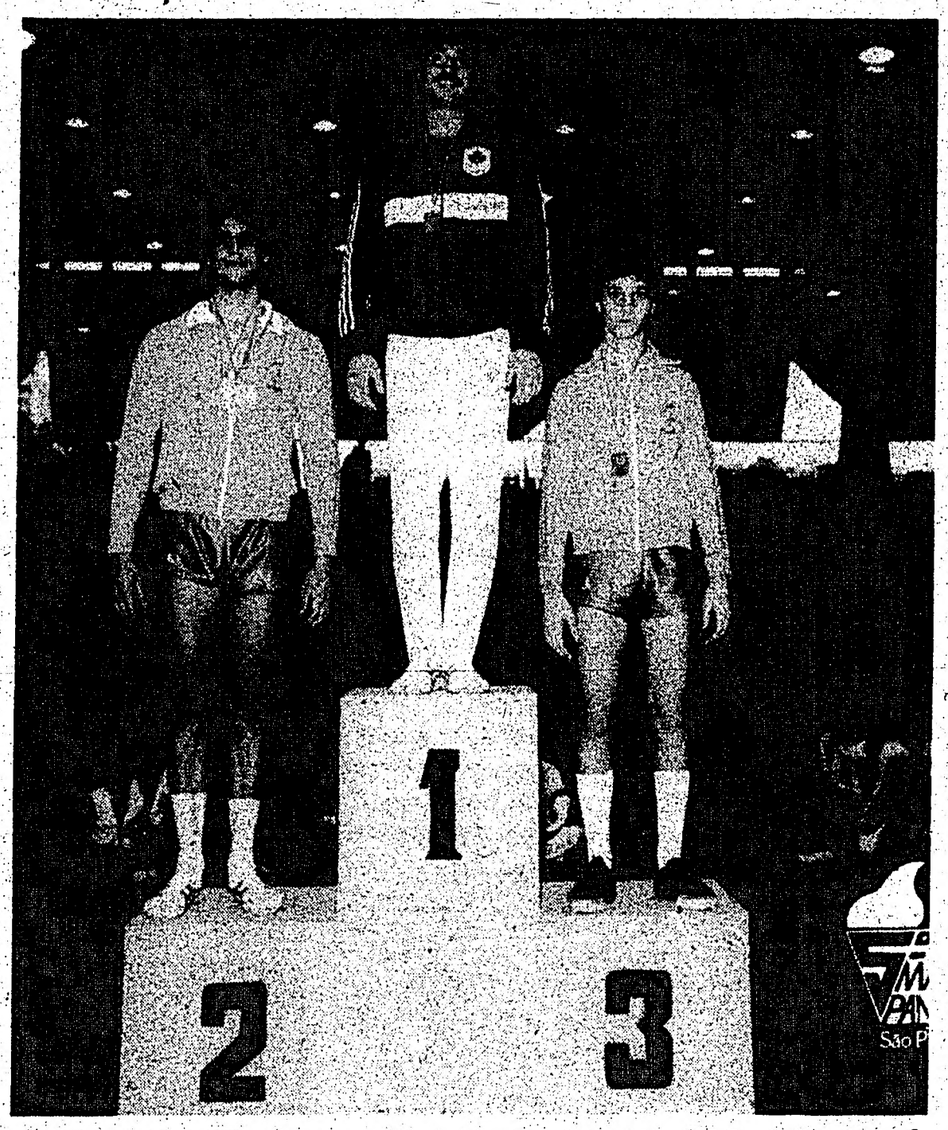
Gymnast Fedder grabs six gold

Canadians collect 36 medals at Pan Am Games

sports scene

By GARY COHEN



Daniel Fedder of Toronto, centre, accepts one of six gold medals he won recently at the Maccabi Pan Am Games in Brazil. He is flanked by two unidentified Brazilian athletes.

A 12-member contingent of Canadian athletes produced an outstanding showing by collecting a total of 36 medals at the recent Maccabi Pan Am Games held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Gymnast Daniel Fedder of Toronto, a late replacement for University of Toronto varsity teammate Doron Kernerman, who dislocated an elbow at a meet in Columbus, Ohio a week before he was scheduled to travel to the Games, led the Canadian medal winners with a near clean sweep in the men's gymnastics competition.

Fedder collected six gold medals, including one for winning the men's overall title, and a silver on the pommel horse.

Gordon Orlikow of Winnipeg was the other top Canadian with four gold and two silver medals to his credit. The decathlete collected goals in the high jump, pole vault, discus and hurdles, while taking silvers in the long jump and 400-metre sprint.

Paul Brownstein, vice-chairman of the Maccabi Canada athletic coordinating committee, told The CJN that the results from the Games more than pleased national Maccabi officials and augured well for Canadian hopes at the 1985 Maccabiahs in Israel.

Competing against over 1,000 athletes from South, Central and North America, including contingents of nearly 200 from both the United States and Mexico, the 12 Canadians "won more medals per capita" than any other country at the Games, Brownstein said.

"It was a tremendous experience," he added. "We had a very tight group of individuals who worked well together and identified as a team."

In a telephone interview last week, Fedder, a 1981 Maccabiah Games silver medalist, said he was "disappointed with the calibre" of the competition in Brazil. The 21-year-old U of T dentistry student said his hopes of meeting tougher opposition didn't materialize after the U.S. decided not to send any male gymnasts to Sao Paulo.

"I had been training very hard for a number of upcoming competitions," he said, "and was in very good shape. I'd have to say the Pan Ams produced one of my personal best meets. But if Doron (Kernerman) had gone he would have done just as well. The Latin Americans are not too strong in gymnastics."

But, he added, "aside from the competition the meet did help me. It was a good experience because you have to get used to training and living in strange surroundings far away from home and working under somewhat adverse conditions.

"And I really want to get involved in the Maccabi organization after I'm finished competing and this gave me a chance to see how the whole process works."

Fedder particularly praised Brownstein and national athletic coordinating committee chairman Roy Salomon, both of whom accompanied the team to Brazil. No coaches made the trip and Fedder said Brownstein and Salomon did a "fantastic job" filling in and preparing the Canadian athletes.

Other Canadian medal winners at the Pan Ams were Cindy Goloboff of Toronto who won a pair of bronze medals in gymnastics by placing third in floor exercises and vault; Toronto's Carrie Lynn Cohen who took a gold in tennis singles competition and added a bronze in doubles; and Lorne Goldberg of Montreal who took bronze medals in both singles and doubles play; Joelle Fefer of Montreal, winner of a gold in rifle shooting, a silver in air rifle and bronze medals in free pistol and air pistol shooting; and Toronto's Debbie Berger, a replacement for Canadian judo champion Mark Berger on the team, who captured the gold in women's long jump, silver in the 200-metre sprint and bronze medals in the 100-metre sprint and hurdles.

In the pool, 12-year-old Jana Promislow of Edmonton took silvers in the 100-and 200-metre backstrokes; Lori Abramowitz of Montreal collected a silver in the 400-metre freestyle and added bronze medals in the 200-and 800-metre freestyles; and Mike Viminitz of Vancouver swam to four bronze in the 100-and 200-metre breaststroke, 200-metre medley and 200-metre butterfly.

The Canadians walked away with 13 gold, 8 silver and 15 bronze medals in total.

Only Boris Vaynshteyn, a table tennis competitor, and tennis player Sarah Papalbaum, both of Calgary, failed to win medals in Brazil.

Brownstein, who pointed out that Vaynshteyn is only a 14-year-old, said that inexperience probably cost the youngster most of his tight matches, as well as a medal. Vaynshteyn is planning to spend the summer in China this year to get more international play and improve his game, Brownstein said.

For a number of the Canadian team members, including Vaynshteyn and Promislow, the Pan Ams were an opportunity to get some international exposure in preparation for the inaugural segment of the Youth Maccabiah Games for athletes 15-years-old and under, which will be added for the first time at the 1985 Games in Israel.

Canadian team and coaching selections for the main Games and youth segment are scheduled to be made in March.

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After winning only once in their first nine starts this season the B'nai B'rith hockey league C Division Canyon Flying Bagels finally seem to be on a roll.

During two weeks of sparse holiday season action, Flying Bagels put together back-to-back wins to move out of the basement in the divisional standings for the first time this year.

Registered decisive victory

After scoring a 4-2 win over Maccabiah Weiss Guys, Canyon registered a decisive 8-3 victory against Mixed Marauders on the strength of two goals from Marshall Wishen. Steve Noyek replied twice for Marauders in the losing cause.

The wins left Canyon with a 3-8 record, good enough for a share of eighth place in the 10-team race.

In other C Division games, Marc Lampert scored four goals to lead Toronto Freedom Lodge Plumbers past Toronto Freedom Ultis 5-2; Jeff Cohen and Irwin Simon each scored a pair of goals to pace the first-place Forrestdale Blades to a 6-4 win over Maccabiah Bruins who got two goals from Phil Naiman in the game; and five players scored for Don Mills Princes as they skated to a 5-1 win over Toronto Freedom Refiners.

In the lone A Division contest, Danny Gellman supplied the winning goal as Canyon Brokers slipped past Canyon Sattellites 2-1.

In the only B I Division game, Rick Greenberg scored twice including the winner to lift Don Mills Axemen to a 3-1 victory against Canyon Kings.

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Upper Canada A recently scored a convincing 49-35 Division I victory over Leonard Mayzel A to remain the only undefeated team in the B'nai B'rith basketball league.

The loss was the first of the season for Leonard Mayzel A which had led the Division I standings until Upper Canada took over with the win in a game that put first place on the line.

In other Division I games, Maccabiah A topped Toronto Freedom Lodge A 41-27; and Forrestdale A squeaked past Leonard B 37-36 to score its first win of the campaign.

In Division II, Maccabiah B demolished first place Judea A 41-22.

As of last week, league standings in Division I showed Upper Canada A on top with a record of 4 wins, no losses, no ties followed by Leonard Mayzel A (4-1-0), Maccabiah A (2-2-1), Toronto Freedom A (1-3-1), Forrestdale A (1-3-0) and Leonard Mayzel B (1-4-0).

The top four teams in Division I advance to the playoffs which will consist of a one-game semi-final followed by a best-of-three championship series.

Judea A (4-2-0) leads the Division II race trailed by Maccabiah B (3-1-0), Upper Canada B (3-2-0), and winless Toronto Freedom B (0-5-0).

All four Division II teams move on to post-season play following the same format as Division I.

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Tennis player Andrea Leand, a native of Baltimore, last week lost an opening round match to Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa to drop out of contention in a $150,000 women's tennis tournament held in Washington.

Vermaak disposed of Leand in sets of 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 to take match.

Leand, who is currently living in New York City, has been slowing down her pace on the women's circuit to devote more time to university studies, but the inactivity has shown in her play of late.

This is the third consecutive tourney in which the promising young court star has not advanced past the second round of play.

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Busch Gardens marks 25th anniversary

Photo safari brings you eye-to-eye with big game

By JAMES MONTAGNES

TAMPA, Fla. —

Carry a camera and you can meet African big game animals practically face-to-face at Busch Gardens on this West Florida resort area. It is a new feature at US$30 per person at this popular visitor attraction.

This travel writer can vouch for its excitement, having been on one of the first runs on the feed truck which makes its daily rounds between 10 and 11.30 in the morning.

The photo safari on the African-style open veldt or plain is on Saturday mornings. Phone ahead for reservation on the 90-minute ride.

Some 400 big game animals come up to the feed truck, a variety of antelopes, giraffes, rhinos, lions and tigers. You are sitting on bales of hay which get thrown off to the animals who come up close to give you an eye-to-eye inspection while you snap their pictures.

There are no fences, bars, windows or other obstructions between you and the big game. The truck just jolts along slowly over the open field, making frequent stops to allow the animals to be within touching distance. It's even closer than you'll get to African big game in Kenya or other African game preserves.

Busch Gardens this winter marks its 25th anniversary. The African - style theme park, now with thousands of wild animals, began as a brewery offering tours and tasting, and an aviary displaying exotic birds.

Today, visitors can still tour the brewery, but they can gawk at big and small African game animals on foot, by monorail trains and a narrow-gauge railway system, walk through a huge open air aviary, visit African village bazaars to see snake charmers, hear native music, visit market stalls.

And for the young at heart there is a simulated Congo River rafting trip which guarantees you'll get wet, a dolphin show, native dancers, belly dancers, a river cruise on a replica of the African Queen and for children a ride on an elephant.

If you plan to be in Tampa in mid-February you can enjoy Gasparilla Days, staged for the 80th time next month. Costumed pirates will re-enact historic happenings of the 17th and 18th century, when pirate ships used to come ashore to capture the city and its people. This time the pirates will just come to capture the city fathers and lead parades for a week of fun and excitement.

Zebras roaming the Serengeti Plain at the Dark Continent, Busch Gardens, think nothing of sharing a hay snack with a few hungry giraffes.

Whether or not you are a history buff, you should not miss Ybor City, the Spanish-American section of Tampa. Here a century ago Cubans started cigar factories, and Tampa became known as the cigar capital of the world. In a restored part of Ybor City you can still see cigars being hand-made in a few small shops, while the rest of the buildings which once housed the big factories have boutiques and restaurants.

Here also Cuban revolutionaries against Spanish rule came to recruit men to help liberate the island of Cuba. One was Jose Marti, often called the George Washington of Cuba. There is a small park and monument to Marti opposite the cigar factories where he came to recruit cigarmakers to join him to fight Spain in 1893.

Here Theodore Roosevelt, later President of the United States, trained his Rough Rider cavalry to fight in Cuba during the Spanish-American War of 1898. There is a Teddy Roosevelt cafe in Ybor Square today serving turn-of-the-century food.

In the 1890s railroad builder and resort developer Henry B. Plant built a hotel with 13 Moorish towers which was so large that guests were taken about the hotel by rickshaw. For the past 50 years the old Tampa Hotel has been the University of Tampa. But there is a museum with furnishings of the days when only the wealthiest could afford to stay there. Tours of the old hotel are held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during fall and winter months.

Tampa's International Airport is one of the most modern in the United States, with a minimum of walking and automatic people-mover trains to take passengers to and from the main terminal building. Everything is clearly marked in large lighted letters — you can't make mistakes or get lost.

Tampa has five synagogues, four of which are Conservative — Beth Israel, 2111 Swann Ave.; Kol Ami, 3919 Noran Rd.; Rodolph Sholom, 2713 Bayshore Blvd.; and Temple David, 2001 Swann Ave. One Reform synagogue is Shaarei Zedek at Swann and Lincoln.

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By ROSE KLEINER

MIAMI —

"We want to be a restaurant with out-of-the-ordinary food, attentive service, and a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere."

Thus reads the fine print on the back of the menu at Sara's, the unique kosher pizza shop and dairy restaurant in Miami. It is unique because for the second year this writer has found that the restaurant really does live up to its fine print.

The owner of Sara's has a good sense of humor, both in English and in Hebrew. Right above the statement just quoted, in large print, he proclaims: "Eat your heart out at Sara's." Beneath this challenge to his patrons he takes the liberty of inserting his own message into a famous biblical verse, and in Hebrew, of course — "Thou shalt eat, and thou shalt be satisfied, and thou shalt pay, and thou shalt recite the grace after meals."

But all this chutzpah is quickly forgiven when the first dish you ordered arrives. The food, and the prices, disarm you completely. For Sara's serves up some of the finest dairy dishes you are likely to find anywhere in North America.

Take, for example, the Quiche Florentine, which always seems irresistibly tasty. It comes with a salad and beverage, and costs only $3.95 U.S. The dish is generous enough for a main course, light in calories, and a bargain even by Canadian standards.

Then there is the broccoli and cauliflower in cheese sauce — almost a meal by itself, and the cost is $2.75.

The eggplant parmigiana is superb, and so are the pizzas.

There are numerous vegetarian dishes and the fish is incredibly fresh.

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Sara's is a spacious, clean restaurant, pleasantly decorated with many plants [that could use some trimming] and with photographs of its patrons. A lineup is not uncommon. But you can take a number and go for a stroll while waiting.

The service is friendly and efficient, and Sara's is popular with the local populace . . . even the mayor of Miami eats there.

Opened just a few years ago, Sara's is owned by Sammy Tamir and his wife, Sara. Sammy, 30 years old, an observant Jew, came to Miami six years ago from New York. His father has the distinction of having opened the first kosher pizza place in New York, in 1964.

With this background it is not surprising that Sammy, himself the father of two children, enjoys the culinary arts. When asked where he learned to make his Quiche Florentine, he smiles. He tasted a quiche at a New York party, he says, and proceeded to create his own version.

Probing further for the secret of his success with both Middle Eastern and European dishes, we learn that Sammy is half Sephardi and half Ashkenazi. He was attending college, working for his CPA, when he decided to try the restaurant business. Sara's, he claims, is now the largest strictly kosher dairy restaurant in Miami.

Located at 2214 NE 123 St. in Miami (891-3312), Sara's is close to Miami Beach's Bal Harbor.

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JNF pushke surprises travelers

Aruba Jews try to instil children with strong identity

By
LEAH BELFON

TORONTO —
When Pearl Balter and her brother, Israel, recently visited Aruba, in the Netherlands Antilles, they got the surprise of their lives.

"We were shopping on the main street," Pearl told The CJN. "Upon entering a store, we saw the familiar blue and white pushke of the Jewish National Fund sitting on the counter.

"One of the store's owners was Shirley Zeller, who, we found out, practically runs the whole Jewish community."

"Shirley was born in Aruba," said Israel Balter. "She met her husband (who is from Colombia) while they were both students in New York. Now in their mid-30s, they manage the family business in Orjaanstaad. Although there are only 75 Jews on the island, they want their children to have a strong Jewish identity."

Zeller told the Balters what it was like to grow up Jewish in Aruba a generation ago:

"It was hard to hold on to a decent rabbi. For long stretches there would be no rabbi at all, or only a succession of itinerant preachers. The Jewish education we received was sporadic. We knew we were Jewish and were proud of it. But that's about all we knew," Zeller said.

Now Aruba has a "wonderful rabbi," Zeller told the Balters. She "found" him at a Zionist convention in Peru. The Jewish community of Caracas, Venezuela was also looking for a rabbi at the convention, and the man from Caracas did everything possible to convince Rabbi Turghaman to go there.

"At that point I stepped in. I said, 'Ladies first.' Being a traditional gentleman, he let me have my way. Getting the rabbi was a real coup for us."

Rabbi Turghaman was born in Spanish Morocco and previously held posts in Guatemala and Hong Kong.

"While we were in Aruba," Israel Balter said, "more than 20 people turned out for the rabbi's lecture on kashrut. It's easy to keep kosher there. You can find many kosher products from the U.S. on supermarket shelves, and the rabbi doubles as the schochet [for chickens only]. Meat is imported from Miami or Venezuela."

Every week Zeller buys up a huge quantity of Hebrew National (delicatessen) products, flown into Aruba with other foodstuffs. She wants to ensure that it keeps on coming, Pearl Balter said.

Through Zeller, the Balters met most of the people on Aruba who identify as Jews. A number of Holocaust survivors have made the island their home. There are also newcomers from the U.S., and a few from Europe. Most are merchants, or are part of the tourist industry. There is one Israeli on Aruba.

"There are many people of Jewish ancestry living there," Balter said. "Aruba has long been a major trading centre. In the 17th and 18th centuries the island saw a large influx of Sephardic merchants. A few descendants of these families still remain among the congregation, but the majority intermarried and assimilated long ago. As a result, there are many people on the island with common Jewish names."

"Quite by chance," said Pearl, "we met two people who told us their mothers and grandmothers had been Jews. They were surprised to learn that, according to Jewish law, they themselves were Jewish."

Israel said: "The Jewish community of Aruba is very hospitable. They are interested in meeting Jewish tourists and would be delighted to welcome them at Friday night services. There is only one shul, Beth Israel, so there's no chance of getting lost!"

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There's also wildlife in the less urban, wooded areas of the province.

Chickadees entertain from lower branches of trees. Occasionally, you'll approach a mound of snow, only to be startled by the whirr of wings as a ruffed grouse (that had buried itself in the snow for warmth) takes to the air. The white-tailed deer is far easier to see in winter when herds gather for the cold winter.

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Travel

Bonhomme Carnaval symbol of festive winter season

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

QUEBEC CITY — February may seem the longest winter month for many Canadians, but it is also the month which sees the most snow festivals and marks the peak of winter activities.

Best known of the winter events is the Quebec City **Carnaval**, from Feb. 2 to 12 this year.

Bonhomme Carnaval, the walking, talking 7-foot tall snowman in his white suit, red toque and sash, typifies the festival. He is everywhere — meeting visitors, leading parades, judging beauty contests and peewee hockey games, leading costumed dances indoors in hotel ballrooms or outdoors for square dances, or at the Snow Palace made of 4,000 tons of snow.

During the Quebec Carnaval there is skiing on the steep streets of the old city, toboggan racing on the iced slides on Dufferin Terrace, and ice sculptures on many of the city's streets.

Highlight of the festival is the canoe race across the ice-filled fast-flowing St. Lawrence River to Levis on the south shore and back. The mile-wide crossing in both directions is done in large rowboats with crews clambering in and out of the boats to haul them over the ice and into open water.

This is the 30th year of the Quebec Carnaval. To be safe come prepared for really cold weather — dress warmly. It can get very cold watching the canoe race on the wind-swept Dufferin Terrace.

At Chicoutimi, Que., on the Saguenay River, the Carnaval Souvenir is also held the first two weeks of February, with parades, street dances and sporting events. Lumberjacks are prominent in the competitions, for this is lumbering country. Everyone dresses in period costume of about a century ago.

There is an auction on Sunday morning of old furniture and home-made sweets, and every night there's a huge bonfire on the shore of the wide Saguenay River.

For ice fishing enthusiasts the Tommycod Fishing Festival at La Perade, just east of Trois Rivieres, runs from early January to mid-February. It is a time when the Ste. Anne River is frozen over and its ice crowded with huts where visitors and townsfolk come to fish for tommycod, which looks somewhat like smelts — a small fish, best when fried.

The ice in the huts is cut about 6 inches wide and several feet long. Anglers sit on benches or chairs in the heated huts, with meatbaited lines, pulling in the small fish through the trench cut in the ice. There is lots of merrymaking, plenty of music . . . some huts even furnished with a piano. The revelry goes on far into the night.

At Ottawa from Feb. 3 to 12 the annual Winterlude will be held for the seventh year, with most of the activities on the frozen Rideau Canal, which runs through the downtown part of the city and much of its residential parkway areas.

Winterlude brings visitors from far away to see the sulky horse races on the ice of the Rideau Canal, to watch and participate in skating along the 5-mile (8-kilometre) section of the canal, to enjoy speed skating events, figure skating competitions and a bed race on the ice. The bed is mounted on steel runners with a 4-man team speeding the bed along with a fifth team member on the bed urging the skaters along.

Winterlude also has ski events, cross-country ski marathons, ice sculpture competitions, barrel jumping on skates, and evenings at discos or skating to band music.

There are good eateries along the canal and nearby market area, hotels and arts centre.

At St. Boniface, Man., a suburb of Winnipeg, the Festival du Voyageur is held each year the third week of February. It revives the spirit of Canada's early hunters, trappers and adventurers.

There are snowshoe races, cross-country ski marathons, fiddling and jigging contests, moccasin dancing and dog-sled races pulling heavily loaded sleds over the snow.

In mid-February the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival is an institution at The Pas, where frontier games and athletics, such as squaw wrestling, back-packing contests with heavy loads of flour, dog-sled and snowshoe races are on the program.

In British Columbia there are many ski festivals.

At the Kimberley Winterfest in mid-February, they have schmoosing contests. Two persons form a team, with two 8-foot boards as skis, and the two standing on the boards, one behind the other. The boards are held on their feet with leather straps. The teams schmoos down the course — a fun-filled race. There are also winter kite flying contests, as well as normal snowshoe and skiing events.

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TORONTO — How do you avoid Mr. Wrong and find Mr. Right?

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The publication is available in paperback (Dial, $4.50) at major Canadian book stores. It has also been translated into Japanese, Spanish, French, German and Hebrew. Locally, autographed copies of the Dell soft cover version are available at the World's Biggest Bookstore, 20 Edward St.

Francois Truffaut's film Adele H motivated Maslin and Nir to write their book.

After watching the movie, Nir told his wife that the woman on the screen was just like one of his patients. He was referring to the film heroine Adele H [based on the daughter of Victor Hugo] who spurned a man devoted to her until he gave up and found someone else. Once rejected, Adele became obsessed with the same man to the point of madness.

Nir's patient had not gone to such extremes, but she also had rejected a certain man who later married someone else. Then she became obsessed with him and three years later was still waiting for him to get a divorce and marry her.

The authors began searching out other destructive behavior patterns among those who were ostensibly looking for love but constantly losing in that endeavor. Those patterns which they dub "lovestyles" are described in 12 composite portraits of women in the book.

According to Maslin, there's no shortage of decent men, but some women are going about their search the wrong way. "They're picking men for all the wrong reasons, not consciously, but because of deeper unrecognized needs," said the 36-year-old New Yorker during a recent promotion visit here.

"This is a problem that affects everyone . . . it's not just an American mishigais," Maslin annual conferences or the 273-page soft cover has been especially well received in Israel, where it's available in both English and Hebrew editions.

Maslin earned a PhD in educational psychology from New York University and is a psychotherapist in private practice. Her husband, an Israeli, is a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at New York University and Cornell Medical College.

To prepare for the book, the couple interviewed a large number of women in eastern Long Island during the summer months when singles gathered. They placed classified ads and over a 2-year period heard the lovestyles of hundreds. In addition, they interviewed colleagues and drew from the experiences of patients.

Maslin sees Loving Men as raising important questions that can help a woman shift perspective in her behavior and which can also help a reader unlearn regular patterns.

She labels the publication a "teaching machine," despite its lavender cover and cameo of a man and woman kissing. "This is not a book with an answer . . . it's full of questions meant to help women come to terms with themselves," Maslin explained.

She points out that 70% of women in the U.S. spend some time in their lives as singles and believes there's a renewed interest in connecting and coupling.

Said Maslin: "Marriage was once the only acceptable way for a woman to leave home or have sex, but today that pressure is off . . . and more and more women have discovered that they can't find a mate."

In assessing why Jewish women go after non-Jewish men, the authors maintain that this pattern often develops because of a bitter family-daughter relationship.

"A woman will sometimes use a man to go against her folks. She'll inform them about all the things in her life including her Gentile boy friends because she knows they'll find it objectionable," Maslin said.

The authors conclude that Loving Men is a book about women . . . not that men are without problems in their love lives.

Maslin said that she and Nir are planning a book on men's lovestyles and are now completing a book on couples negotiating modern relationships.

Maslin, married 10 years, has two children and two stepchildren ranging from 23 years to 8 months.

Nir, a Holocaust survivor, was born in Poland and hid during the war before going to Israel. His wife was raised in West Hampstead, NY, in an Orthodox home, and described her own childhood as a "very happy one."

Italians thank Jewish groups

TORONTO — The committee of the National Congress of Italian-Canadians in charge of earthquake relief has issued a release to the ethnic media to thank "contributors from every ethnocultural background, and to let them know how their contribution is being spent."

When the earthquake devastated areas of southern Italy in November 1980, Jewish groups and individuals sent in contributions, Angelo Delfino, chairman of the earthquake fund, told The CJN.

At the time, the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Italian consulate-general were neighbors on Beverley St., and "neighbors help neighbors," a Congress staffer said.

A group of Holocaust survivors even held a fund raising dinner, Delfino said.

The bulk of the money raised in Canada is being spent on housing, including a senior citizens' home.

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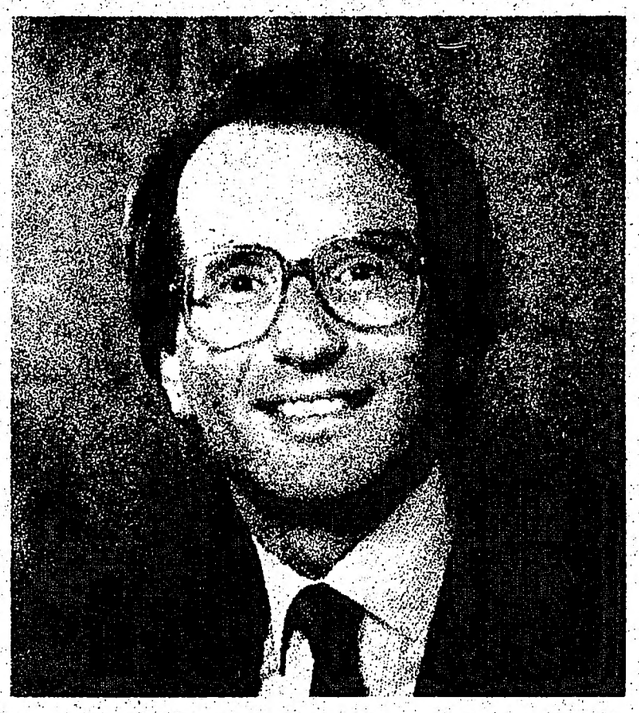

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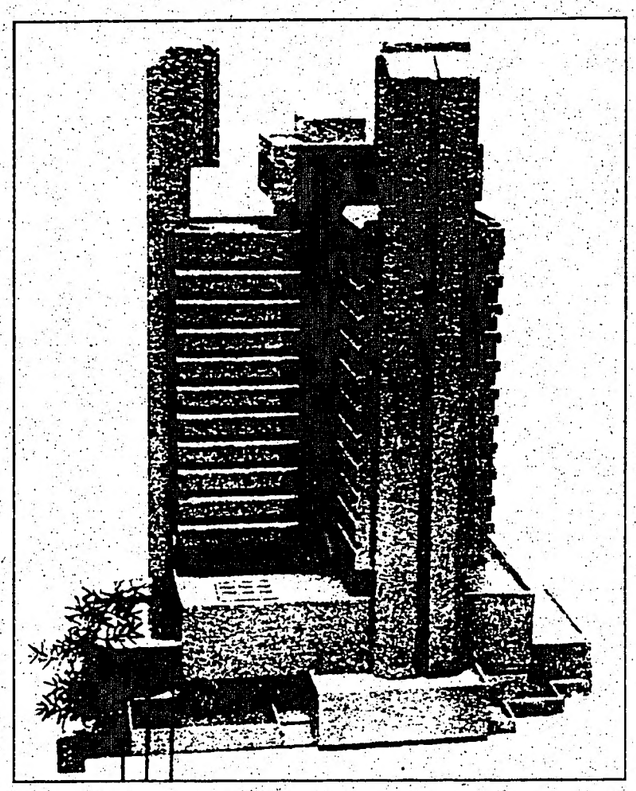

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